

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA,  
AUSTRALIA.

# MONTHLY REVIEW OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

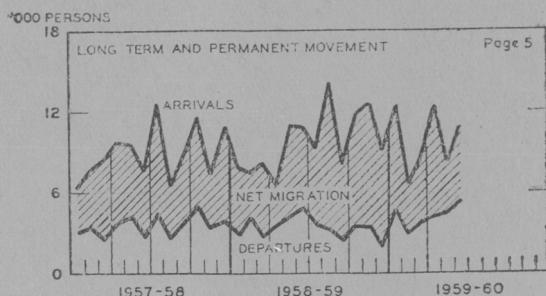


FEBRUARY, 1960.

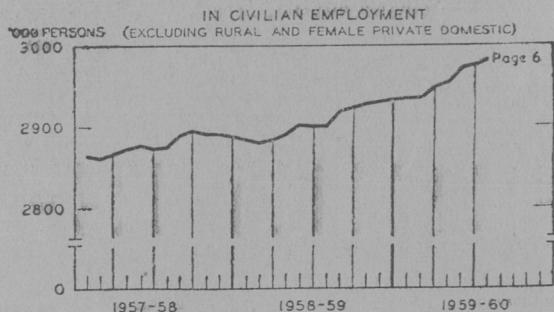
No. 269.

PREPARED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE TREASURER  
BY  
S. R. CARVER,  
COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN.

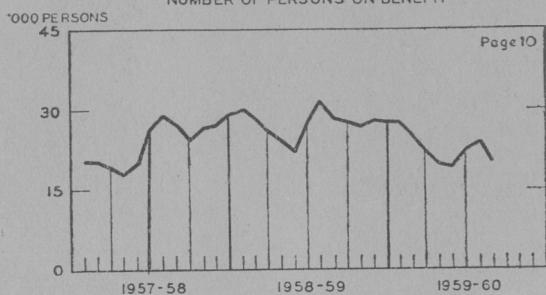
## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



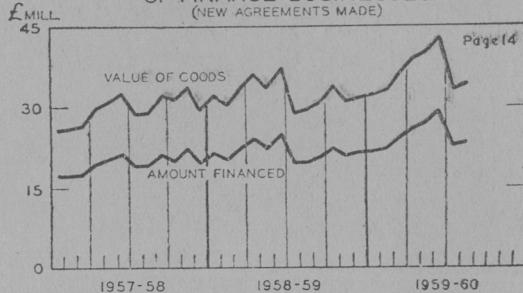
## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS



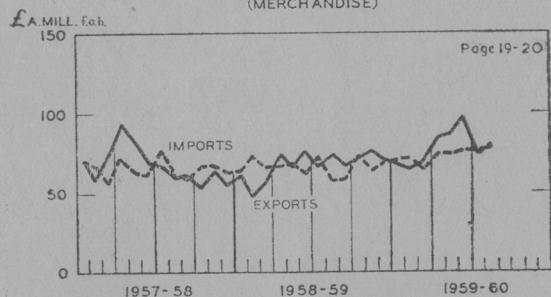
## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT



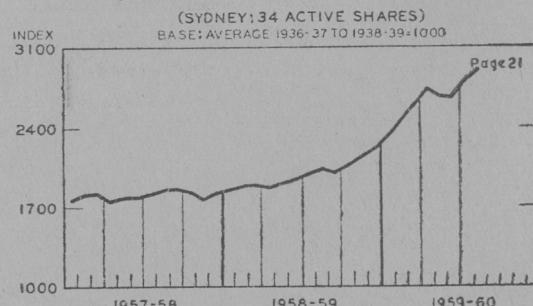
## HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES (NEW AGREEMENTS MADE)



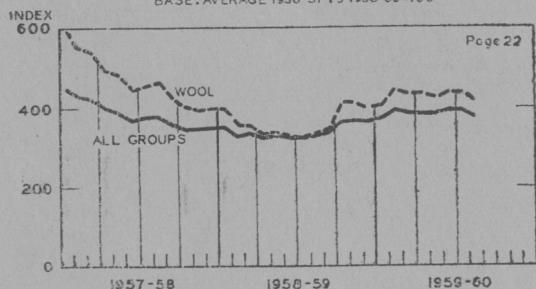
## OVERSEA TRADE (MERCANDISE)



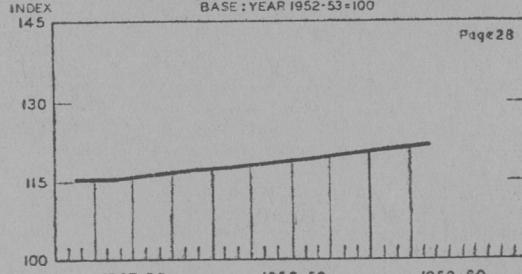
## ORDINARY SHARE PRICE INDEX



## EXPORT PRICE INDEX BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39=100



## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX (WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES) BASE: YEAR 1952-53=100



## CONTENTS.

The following symbols, where shown in columns of figures, mean—

- n.a. Not available.
- .. Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
- p Preliminary—figure or series subject to revision.
- r Figure or series revised since previous issue.
- Break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

A blank space in a column of figures means that the figure concerned is not yet available.

	GENERAL.	PAGE.
Indicators of Business Activity .....	..	2, 3
<b>POPULATION AND VITAL.</b>		
Marriages, Births, Deaths, Net Overseas Migration and Population .....	..	4
Overseas Arrivals and Departures .....	..	5
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.</b>		
Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment: Australia .....	..	6
" " " " States .....	..	7
" " " " Employed in Factories .....	..	8
" " " " " Retail Trade .....	..	9
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits .....	..	10, 11
<b>INTERNAL TRADE.</b>		
Value of Retail Sales in Australia: Commodity Groups .....	..	12
Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Operations of Finance Businesses .....	..	13, 14, 15
Wholesale Trade .....	..	16
<b>OVERSEA TRADE.</b>		
Imports of Merchandise: Economic Classes .....	..	17, 18
" " " Degree of Manufacture .....	..	19
Exports of Merchandise: Principal Commodities .....	..	20
<b>PRICES AND WAGES</b>		
Share Price Indexes .....	..	21
Export Price Indexes: Simple Aggregative Index (Fixed Weights) .....	..	22, 23
Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index .....	..	24
" " " Indexes and Retail Price Indexes: Various Countries .....	..	25
" C " Series Retail Price Index and Wage-Rate Indexes .....	..	26
Interim Retail Price Index and Farm Production Price Indexes .....	..	27
Comparison of Price Indexes .....	..	28
Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours (Adult Males) .....	..	29
Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings .....	..	30
<b>BUILDING AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.</b>		
Building Permits: Six Capital Cities and Suburbs .....	..	31
" Operations: Metropolitan and Provincial .....	..	32, 33
Value of New Buildings .....	..	34
Number of New Houses and Flats .....	..	35
Production of Coal, Energy and Metals .....	..	36
" Building Materials and Household Appliances .....	..	37
" Textiles and Clothing .....	..	38, 39
" Food and Drink .....	..	40
" Miscellaneous Products .....	..	41
Industrial Production Indexes: Various Countries .....	..	42
<b>TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.</b>		
Motor Vehicle Registrations .....	..	43
Government Railways: Operations and Revenue .....	..	44
Shipping Cargoes .....	..	45, 46
Post Office Activity (P.M.G. Receipts; Broadcast and T.V. Licences; Telephones) .....	..	47
<b>FINANCE.</b>		
Reserve Bank of Australia: Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) and Rural Credits Department .....	..	48
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia .....	..	49
Private Trading Banks: Liabilities and Assets within Australia .....	..	50
" Ratios of Selected Assets and Liabilities to Total Deposits within Australia .....	..	51
Commonwealth and Private Trading Banks: Liabilities and Assets within Australia .....	..	52
" Ratios of Selected Assets and Liabilities to Total Deposits within Australia .....	..	53
All Cheque-paying Banks: Liabilities and Assets within Australia .....	..	54
" Debits to Customers' Accounts .....	..	55
Savings Bank Deposits .....	..	56
Life Assurance Business .....	..	57
Exchange Rates, Gold Prices and Security Yields .....	..	58
Interest Rates: Commonwealth and States, Short-term Debt Redeemable in Australia .....	..	59
Commonwealth and State Finance: Revenue and Expenditure .....	..	60
<b>GRAPHS.</b>		
Oversea Migration, Wage and Salary Earners, Unemployment Benefit, Hire Purchase Operations, Overseas Trade, Price Indexes .....	..	Inside front cover.
New Houses and Flats, Production of Various Commodities, New Motor Cars and Commercial Vehicles Registered, Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts, Deposits and Advances .....	..	Inside back cover.
2970/60.	..	

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics).			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000).	Internal Trade.		Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).	Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses and Flats Com-menced.(f)				
	—End of Month. (a)												
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)							
<b>Monthly Average—</b>													
1936-37 ..	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.				
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	n.a.				
1937-38 ..					40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307				
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	n.a.				
1952-53 ..	1,910	679	2,589	2,428	158.1	424.7	42.5	70.7	10,040 (g)16,152				
1953-54 ..	1,954	707	2,661	2,553	179.5	459.5	56.5	67.7	12,356 (g)19,219				
1954-55 ..	2,018	740	2,758	2,682	205.5	502.2	70.1	63.2	17,892 19,309				
1955-56 ..	2,067	769	2,836	2,863	221.3	537.9	68.2	64.2	18,881 18,155				
1956-57 ..	2,082	779	2,861	3,015	233.2	562.5	59.7	81.1	17,401 17,364				
1957-58 ..	2,089	791	2,880	3,097	246.3	586.0	65.8	67.5	19,160 18,337				
1958-59 ..	2,107	802	2,909	3,191	253.5	610.9	66.2	67.2	21,656 20,421				
<b>Monthly Total—</b>													
<b>1957-58—</b>													
January ..	2,087	790	2,877	3,093	211.8	560.1	77.0	66.6	19,659				
February ..	2,093	799	2,892		237.6		62.4	59.6	17,001				
March ..	2,097	802	2,899		247.7		59.4	60.9	18,273				
April ..	2,098	796	2,894		239.2		67.1	52.9	22,059				
May ..	2,098	795	2,893		260.3		66.6	64.3	20,878				
June ..	2,098	792	2,890		244.7		63.2	54.4	21,404				
<b>1958-59—</b>													
July ..	2,095	793	2,888	3,178	252.1	584.8	63.8	61.4	26,250				
August ..	2,091	793	2,884		246.9		72.8	47.2	22,283				
September ..	2,093	794	2,887		265.3		65.5	55.7	22,910				
October ..	2,098	795	2,893		273.7		65.5	74.0	22,187				
November ..	2,106	800	2,906		274.7		67.5	66.2	19,959				
December ..	2,101	802	2,903		275.0		61.9	75.7	16,506				
January ..	2,103	799	2,902		205.2		74.4	66.9	16,015				
February ..	2,114	808	2,922		239.1		58.5	73.5	20,195				
March ..	2,117	811	2,928		241.4		58.9	66.4	21,351				
April ..	2,121	810	2,931		264.8		73.1	72.2	23,495				
May ..	2,122	811	2,933		242.8		63.1	76.7	24,551				
June ..	2,123	811	2,934		261.3		69.3	70.7	24,165				
<b>1959-60—</b>													
July ..	2,123	813	2,936	3,347	266.4	619.9	70.6	66.5	24,324				
August ..	2,124	814	2,938		273.8		71.0	r64.1	25,150				
September ..	2,130	820	2,950		272.2		64.0	r68.8	26,152				
October ..	2,133	824	2,957		287.0		74.5	r84.6	29,320				
November ..	2,140	834	2,974		r296.6		74.2	r87.7	24,531				
December ..	2,143	835	2,978		301.9		76.0	96.9	21,315				
January ..	2,149	833	2,982				75.3	74.3	21,855				
February ..							78.3	79.5	23,836				

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b) page 8.

(b) Seasonally adjusted.

Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Produc- tion of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Govern- ment Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Cus- tomers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). r
				Motor Cars.	Com- merical Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
<b>Monthly Average</b>	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.8
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	447.0
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957-58 ..	1,697	1,649	254.4	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958-59 ..	p1,699	p1,761	p266.2	14.2	6.2	15,430	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
<b>Monthly Total</b>						(c)				
<b>1957-58—</b>										
January ..	1,233	1,518	264.0	11.1	4.6	13,676	8,469	1,445.7	753.4	513.3
February ..	1,661	1,468	227.6	13.9	5.5	13,364	7,565	1,443.6	749.6	588.4
March ..	1,670	1,632	260.1	13.7	6.1	15,026	8,154	1,449.6	754.6	610.0
April ..	1,620	1,588	248.7	15.4	6.2	14,163	7,906	1,414.4	792.2	610.1
May ..	1,769	1,766	271.5	15.2	6.0	15,227	8,482	1,354.2	819.5	608.9
June ..	1,708	1,813	256.6	12.8	5.4	14,856	9,046	1,343.0	831.7	603.7
<b>1958-59—</b>	p	p								
July ..	2,017	1,968	270.5	13.9	6.1	15,271	8,449	1,331.2	844.9	623.5
August ..	1,837	1,852	267.2	13.6	5.5	15,233	7,661	1,321.5	838.8	559.0
September ..	1,803	1,775	263.6	14.7	5.9	15,914	8,512	1,324.0	829.8	598.5
October ..	1,994	1,774	265.3	16.1	6.5	16,422	9,299	1,352.7	830.9	640.6
November ..	1,764	1,660	262.7	14.8	6.2	15,087	7,784	1,372.2	824.6	645.2
December ..	1,349	1,638	269.9	15.9	6.6	15,436	9,714	1,393.4	808.2	707.7
January ..	1,133	1,591	267.6	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	525.2
February ..	1,660	1,574	244.0	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.9
March ..	1,673	1,688	274.2	13.2	6.1	15,411	8,450	1,431.6	764.3	664.5
April ..	1,701	1,731	265.4	15.1	7.0	16,354	9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.8
May ..	1,671	1,893	287.4	13.1	6.8	15,520	8,432	1,379.1	790.1	679.1
June ..	1,782	1,987	291.7	13.7	6.8	15,204	9,768	1,379.0	791.1	677.6
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July ..	1,887	2,121	290.7	15.7	7.5	16,317	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	705.5
August ..	1,791	2,032	285.0	15.6	6.9	16,259	8,100	1,375.4	803.1	647.6
September ..	1,891	1,930	277.0	17.3	7.3	16,989	9,110	1,404.2	800.6	713.1
October ..	1,842	1,941	306.5	19.1	7.6	16,633	9,796	1,431.7	814.6	736.5
November ..	1,814	1,840	297.0	18.7	7.5	16,083	9,366	1,457.2	817.2	746.8
December ..	1,250	1,781	295.3	20.8	7.8		11,571	1,484.2	806.3	806.9
January ..	1,281	1,713	283.9	13.4	4.8		9,309	1,484.7	798.4	658.7
February ..	1,763	273.9	17.1	6.5			9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.  
(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, ——, see page 1.

# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>								
1949-50	..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e 8,986,530
1954-55	..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58	..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958-59	..	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>								
1956-57—								
September Qtr.	..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
December "	..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
March "	..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June "	..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
1957-58—								
September "	..	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December "	..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March "	..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June "	..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59—								
September "	..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December "	..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March "	..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June "	..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222
1959-60—								
September "	..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284
December "	..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,889	10,166,173

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results.

(e) Census 30th June.

## POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1949	..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386
1950	..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824
1951	..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892
1952	..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360
1953	..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645
1954(a)	..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315
1955	..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424
1956	..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481
1957	..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865
1958	..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167
1959	..	3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	d 46,070
31st Dec.—									
1959	..	3,790,270	2,842,903	1,447,198	934,427	726,489	354,582	20,354	49,950

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—  
1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

" Long term and permanent movement " relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. " Short term movement " relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1949-50 .. ..	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51 .. ..	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52 .. ..	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53 .. ..	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54 .. ..	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
<b>1954-55</b> .. ..	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56 .. ..	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57 .. ..	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58 .. ..	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958-59 .. ..	4,999	r4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	r3,242	r6,483
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
1957-58—							
September ..	5,028	3,875	4,394	4,045	8,589	2,639	5,950
October ..	6,142	3,156	4,926	4,265	9,823	3,659	6,164
November ..	5,866	3,811	5,135	6,260	9,679	4,154	5,525
December ..	5,265	5,537	6,790	5,255	7,734	2,821	4,913
January ..	5,641	4,868	5,183	6,054	12,617	4,510	8,107
February ..	4,555	4,381	5,371	5,052	6,480	2,698	3,782
March ..	5,264	6,488	5,995	5,993	8,852	3,704	5,148
April ..	4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May ..	4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June ..	3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
1958-59—							
July ..	4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911
August ..	5,037	4,003	4,337	4,742	7,372	4,193	3,179
September ..	5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October ..	5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November ..	5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December ..	5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January ..	6,231	r4,649	5,554	7,008	9,191	r3,387	r5,804
February ..	5,033	r5,120	6,238	6,021	14,003	r2,941	r11,062
March ..	4,428	r5,432	6,444	6,455	8,113	r2,360	r5,753
April ..	4,058	r7,579	5,139	6,554	11,760	r3,149	r8,611
May ..	4,185	r6,353	4,862	5,972	12,576	r3,029	r9,547
June ..	4,490	r4,304	4,421	4,402	9,229	r1,837	r7,392
1959-60—							
July ..	3,761	r4,775	4,043	4,781	12,414	r4,320	r8,094
August ..	4,927	r4,164	4,808	4,658	6,554	r2,761	r3,793
September ..	5,957	r4,710	5,858	5,602	8,454	r3,501	r4,953
October ..	7,396	r4,696	6,480	6,513	12,435	r3,937	r8,498
November ..	5,956	r4,189	6,290	6,578	8,213	r4,273	r3,940
December ..	5,332	r8,660	7,983	7,486	11,080	r4,949	r6,131

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers (c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fes- sional and Personal Services. (d)
<b>MALES.</b>										
1956—June ..	604.9	1,477.3	2,082.2	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	130.0	212.7	187.3
1957—June ..	609.5	1,475.9	2,085.4	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	193.1
1958—June ..	621.8	1,476.1	2,097.9	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	196.3
1959—June ..	633.9	1,488.6	2,122.5	49.1	800.7	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	201.5
1958—October ..	621.5	1,476.1	2,097.6	50.9	791.7	200.7	309.9	133.2	217.9	197.1
November..	622.8	1,482.8	2,105.6	50.6	793.8	201.0	310.5	135.8	219.8	197.7
December..	622.8	1,478.4	2,101.2	50.6	787.0	199.5	309.7	139.1	220.1	198.5
1959—January ..	627.1	1,476.3	2,103.4	49.7	788.9	201.1	311.7	134.1	221.4	198.9
October ..	630.0	1,503.4	2,133.4	49.0	808.9	203.4	310.8	134.8	224.6	203.8
November..	630.6	1,509.7	2,140.3	49.0	810.3	203.6	311.2	137.1	226.1	204.4
December..	630.1	1,512.7	2,142.8	49.0	808.8	201.9	309.7	141.0	227.0	206.2
1960—January ..	631.3	1,518.1	2,149.4	49.3	814.4	202.8	312.1	136.3	228.4	206.2
<b>FEMALES.</b>										
1956—June ..	129.8	643.6	773.4	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	123.0	88.1	236.6
1957—June ..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	241.9
1958—June ..	136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	246.4
1959—June ..	143.9	667.6	811.5	1.1	247.4	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	256.5
1958—October ..	137.6	657.8	795.4	1.1	243.3	5.5	39.8	126.4	92.2	249.1
November..	137.8	662.4	800.2	1.1	243.4	5.5	40.0	130.7	92.4	248.9
December..	137.1	664.4	801.5	1.1	241.7	5.5	40.1	133.5	92.3	249.2
1959—January ..	138.6	659.9	798.5	1.1	242.3	5.5	40.3	127.0	93.7	250.3
October ..	144.3	679.4	823.7	1.1	254.5	5.7	40.6	128.5	95.8	258.5
November..	144.7	688.9	833.6	1.1	256.7	5.7	40.7	134.3	96.6	259.4
December..	143.5	691.6	835.1	1.1	255.5	5.7	40.7	137.2	96.9	259.0
1960—January ..	143.7	689.1	832.8	1.1	257.4	5.8	41.2	131.2	98.7	258.1
<b>PERSONS.</b>										
1956—June ..	734.7	2,120.9	2,855.6	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	423.9
1957—June ..	742.3	2,123.3	2,865.6	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	435.0
1958—June ..	758.4	2,132.0	2,890.4	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	442.7
1959—June ..	777.8	2,156.2	2,934.0	50.2	1,048.1	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	458.0
1958—October ..	759.1	2,133.9	2,893.0	52.0	1,035.0	206.2	349.7	259.6	310.1	446.2
November..	760.6	2,145.2	2,905.8	51.7	1,037.2	206.5	350.5	266.5	312.2	446.6
December..	759.9	2,142.8	2,902.7	51.7	1,028.7	205.0	349.8	272.6	312.4	447.7
1959—January ..	765.7	2,136.2	2,901.9	50.8	1,031.2	206.6	352.0	261.1	315.1	449.2
October ..	774.3	2,182.8	2,957.1	50.1	1,063.4	209.1	351.4	263.3	320.4	462.3
November..	775.3	2,198.6	2,973.9	50.1	1,067.0	209.3	351.9	271.4	322.7	463.8
December..	773.6	2,204.3	2,977.9	50.1	1,064.3	207.6	350.4	278.2	323.9	465.2
1960—January ..	775.0	2,207.2	2,982.2	50.4	1,071.8	208.6	353.3	267.5	327.1	464.3

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.  
(b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.  
(c) See note (b), page 8.  
(d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1956—June ..		808.3	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.2	9.0	2,082.2
1957—June ..		810.2	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	10.0	2,085.4
1958—June ..		813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
1959—June ..		819.2	601.6	286.5	191.1	139.5	67.0	5.8	11.8	2,122.5
1958—September ..		810.3	591.3	282.8	186.1	138.8	66.1	5.7	11.6	2,092.7
October ..		813.0	592.3	283.1	186.5	139.2	66.1	5.8	11.6	2,097.6
November ..		816.5	595.1	284.2	186.8	139.1	66.2	5.9	11.8	2,105.6
December ..		815.5	596.4	278.3	187.0	139.3	67.0	5.8	11.9	2,101.2
1959—January ..		815.4	598.6	278.0	187.6	139.3	67.0	5.7	11.8	2,103.4
September ..		823.0	603.7	285.9	192.5	140.2	66.9	5.9	12.1	2,130.2
October ..		824.0	605.2	285.8	192.5	140.5	67.4	5.9	12.1	2,133.4
November ..		829.5	607.0	284.3	193.0	140.6	67.7	5.9	12.3	2,140.3
December ..		832.1	609.7	280.7	193.5	140.3	68.0	5.9	12.6	2,142.8
1960—January ..		834.9	611.3	280.7	194.8	140.3	68.8	5.9	12.7	2,149.4
FEMALES.										
1956—June ..		305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.2	3.3	773.4
1957—June ..		309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.7	780.2
1958—June ..		314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
1959—June ..		320.3	251.9	98.0	65.5	46.8	23.3	1.4	4.3	811.5
1958—September ..		315.1	244.9	96.7	63.6	46.2	22.2	1.4	4.0	794.1
October ..		315.6	245.6	96.6	63.8	46.2	22.2	1.4	4.0	795.4
November ..		317.8	247.1	96.9	64.2	46.4	22.5	1.4	3.9	800.2
December ..		319.3	246.6	96.3	64.2	46.8	23.1	1.4	3.8	801.5
1959—January ..		315.7	246.7	96.4	64.8	46.3	23.2	1.4	4.0	798.5
September ..		324.0	254.2	99.2	66.4	47.1	22.6	1.4	4.5	819.4
October ..		326.1	255.7	98.9	66.8	47.4	22.8	1.4	4.6	823.7
November ..		331.0	258.5	99.4	67.7	48.0	23.0	1.4	4.6	833.6
December ..		331.6	258.7	99.7	67.5	48.0	23.6	1.5	4.5	835.1
1960—January ..		329.1	259.3	99.2	68.2	47.1	23.9	1.4	4.6	832.8
PERSONS.										
1956—June ..		1,114.2	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.4	12.3	2,855.6
1957—June ..		1,119.5	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	13.7	2,865.6
1958—June ..		1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
1959—June ..		1,139.5	853.5	384.5	256.6	186.3	90.3	7.2	16.1	2,934.0
1958—September ..		1,125.4	836.2	379.5	249.7	185.0	88.3	7.1	15.6	2,886.8
October ..		1,128.6	837.9	379.7	250.3	185.4	88.3	7.2	15.6	2,893.0
November ..		1,134.3	842.2	381.1	251.0	185.5	88.7	7.3	15.7	2,905.8
December ..		1,134.8	843.0	374.6	251.2	186.1	90.1	7.2	15.7	2,902.7
1959—January ..		1,131.1	845.3	374.4	252.4	185.6	90.2	7.1	15.8	2,901.9
September ..		1,147.0	857.9	385.1	258.9	187.3	89.5	7.3	16.6	2,949.6
October ..		1,150.1	860.9	384.7	259.3	187.9	90.2	7.3	16.7	2,957.1
November ..		1,160.5	865.5	383.7	260.7	188.6	90.7	7.3	16.9	2,973.9
December ..		1,163.7	868.4	380.4	261.0	188.3	91.6	7.4	17.1	2,977.9
1960—January ..		1,164.0	870.6	379.9	263.0	187.4	92.7	7.3	17.3	2,982.2

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
<b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b>	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1951-52 ..	391.5	310.9	90.0	81.5	42.7	23.0	707.9	231.7	939.6	1,787	1,440
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58 ..	429.2	344.8	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
1958-59 ..	432.4	345.7	98.5	89.7	44.8	26.7	793.1	244.7	1,037.8	1,974	1,362
<b>At end of Month—</b>											
<b>1957-58—</b>											
January ..	428.0	346.7	93.0	90.6	45.7	27.9	786.5	245.4	1,031.9	1,963	1,381
February ..	431.5	351.1	95.1	90.5	46.2	27.4	790.8	251.0	1,041.8	1,981	1,391
March ..	432.9	352.3	96.5	90.9	46.3	27.2	793.3	252.8	1,046.1	1,990	1,395
April ..	432.6	347.3	95.9	89.8	46.0	27.5	791.6	247.5	1,039.1	1,976	1,383
May ..	432.4	345.1	97.6	89.0	45.7	27.4	791.4	245.8	1,037.2	1,973	1,379
June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1	1,969	1,374
<b>1958-59—</b>											
July ..	431.4	341.6	100.1	88.8	44.7	26.9	790.3	243.2	1,033.5	1,966	1,369
August ..	431.1	341.0	100.3	88.6	44.6	26.2	788.6	243.2	1,031.8	1,963	1,365
September ..	431.3	342.3	100.1	88.8	44.6	25.8	789.4	243.5	1,032.9	1,965	1,364
October ..	431.6	343.4	100.3	89.2	44.7	25.8	791.7	243.3	1,035.0	1,969	1,365
November ..	432.3	344.7	100.2	89.1	44.9	26.0	793.8	243.4	1,037.2	1,973	1,364
December ..	429.9	343.8	94.1	89.0	44.8	27.1	787.0	241.7	1,028.7	1,956	1,350
January ..	429.9	344.6	94.4	90.2	44.6	27.5	788.9	242.3	1,031.2	1,961	1,351
February ..	432.1	349.4	98.0	90.0	44.7	26.8	793.8	247.2	1,041.0	1,980	1,362
March ..	433.1	350.8	97.7	90.7	44.9	27.0	796.3	247.9	1,044.2	1,986	1,363
April ..	433.6	349.5	98.6	90.4	44.9	27.4	797.9	246.5	1,044.4	1,986	1,360
May ..	435.4	348.5	98.8	90.4	45.0	27.4	799.2	246.3	1,045.5	1,989	1,360
June ..	437.0	349.0	99.7	90.9	44.6	26.9	800.7	247.4	1,048.1	1,994	1,361
<b>1959-60—</b>											
July ..	438.1	348.8	101.1	91.2	44.6	26.5	802.6	247.7	1,050.3	1,998	1,362
August ..	439.1	350.5	100.9	91.6	44.8	26.4	803.9	249.4	1,053.3	2,003	1,364
September ..	442.9	353.1	100.0	92.4	45.3	26.4	807.7	252.4	1,060.1	2,016	1,370
October ..	444.7	355.4	98.8	92.7	45.4	26.4	808.9	254.5	1,063.4	2,023	1,372
November ..	447.1	357.6	96.5	93.2	45.8	26.8	810.3	256.7	1,067.0	2,030	1,374
December ..	446.9	357.7	93.0	93.4	45.5	27.8	808.8	255.5	1,064.3	2,024	1,368
January ..	448.6	360.1	94.5	94.8	45.3	28.5	814.4	257.4	1,071.8	2,039	1,377

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1958, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
<b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b>										
1952-53..	..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54..	..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55..	..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	120.0	249.7
1955-56..	..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.6	124.3	254.9
1956-57..	..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.1	123.0	253.1
1957-58..	..	98.8	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.4	125.2	257.6
1958-59..	..	99.3	74.3	32.5	25.0	20.9	7.6	134.0	127.1	261.1
<b>At end of Month—</b>										
1957-58—										
January	..	99.3	72.9	32.5	24.9	20.3	7.8	133.3	125.7	259.0
February	..	99.1	72.7	32.3	24.7	20.1	7.8	133.4	124.8	258.2
March	..	98.4	72.6	32.1	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.6	124.4	257.0
April	..	98.2	72.8	32.2	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.5	124.6	257.1
May ..	..	99.3	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.2	126.0	259.2
June ..	..	98.5	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.7	125.6	258.3
1958-59—										
July ..	..	98.7	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.5	125.5	258.0
August	..	98.0	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.2	124.9	257.1
September	..	98.2	73.6	32.3	24.6	20.6	7.5	132.8	125.4	258.2
October	..	98.9	74.0	32.3	24.8	20.6	7.5	133.2	126.4	259.6
November	..	102.4	75.6	33.0	25.4	21.1	7.6	135.8	130.7	266.5
December	..	106.0	76.5	33.4	25.8	21.7	7.9	139.1	133.5	272.6
January	..	98.6	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	134.1	127.0	261.1
February	..	98.0	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.9	126.0	259.9
March	..	97.7	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.3	125.9	259.2
April	..	97.9	74.2	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.6	133.1	126.1	259.2
May ..	..	99.0	74.2	32.9	25.1	21.1	7.7	133.9	127.6	261.5
June ..	..	98.4	74.0	32.5	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.5	260.1
1959-60—										
July ..	..	98.4	74.0	32.6	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.4	260.0
August	..	98.5	73.9	32.7	25.0	21.1	7.7	134.1	126.3	260.4
September	..	98.8	74.3	32.8	25.2	21.2	7.7	134.3	127.2	261.5
October	..	99.1	74.7	33.1	25.5	21.6	7.8	134.8	128.5	263.3
November	..	103.5	76.9	33.5	26.2	21.9	7.9	137.1	134.3	271.4
December	..	106.7	78.7	35.0	26.3	21.8	8.2	141.0	137.2	278.2
January	..	100.8	75.8	33.4	26.1	21.7	8.1	136.3	131.2	267.5

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.		
											Ordinary.	Migrant. <sup>b</sup>	
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.		Australia.	Australia.	
<b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b>													
1949–50(c)	..	8,327	123	1,371	(e) 241	155	30	(f)	(g)	10,247	7,585	897	(h)
1950–51(c)	..	d 287	71	326	(e) 6	59	14	(f)	(g)	763	7,059	863	(h)
1951–52	..	d 949	220	1,374	(e) 24	64	16	(f)	(g)	2,647	6,454	993	(h)
1952–53	..	d17,590	6,168	4,281	(e) 842	841	262	(f)	(g)	29,984	7,140	1,408	(i) 415
1953–54	..	d 6,495	2,698	3,169	(e) 252	406	212	(f)	(g)	13,232	7,994	1,868	426
1954–55	..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983	484
1955–56	..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973	464
1956–57	..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012	823
1957–58	..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107	611
1958–59	..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	5	40	27,311	8,241	2,147	463
<b>Last Saturday of Month—</b>													
1957–58—													
February	..	9,575	4,085	9,431	1,425	2,257	326	19	45	27,163	7,464	2,180	335
March	..	8,673	4,135	7,814	1,521	2,018	243	33	48	24,485	7,299	2,153	378
April	..	9,533	5,006	7,831	1,873	2,214	296	23	35	26,811	7,381	2,191	322
May	..	10,465	5,894	5,799	2,075	2,543	459	10	37	27,282	7,970	2,216	162
June	..	11,669	6,899	4,905	2,258	3,005	639	9	34	29,418	8,001	2,149	75
1958–59—													
July	..	12,054	7,442	3,907	2,385	3,363	712	8	44	29,915	8,044	2,093	220
August	..	11,309	7,435	3,176	2,204	3,219	891	3	41	28,278	8,703	2,091	256
September	..	10,587	6,735	2,984	1,930	2,875	849	3	39	26,002	8,472	2,040	745
October	..	10,267	5,656	2,874	1,706	2,709	789	1	35	24,037	8,651	2,071	142
November	..	9,827	4,916	3,031	1,505	2,354	635	2	32	22,302	8,695	2,112	203
December	..	11,819	5,436	5,460	1,703	2,501	580	4	62	27,565	7,888	2,034	690
January	..	12,794	5,389	8,359	1,461	3,009	411	10	53	31,486	7,778	2,157	539
February	..	12,032	4,572	6,866	1,321	2,914	454	10	38	28,207	7,791	2,235	426
March	..	11,952	4,548	6,769	1,116	2,850	398	7	29	27,669	7,762	2,157	519
April	..	12,237	5,136	5,057	1,254	2,652	446	10	32	26,824	8,188	2,214	390
May	..	12,116	5,643	5,631	1,317	2,674	497	4	42	27,924	8,450	2,293	872
June	..	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	5	30	27,528	8,473	2,164	553
1959–60—													
July	..	12,524	6,339	3,008	1,444	3,279	798	5	45	27,442	8,786	2,244	479
August	..	10,888	6,012	2,608	1,411	2,993	932	4	39	24,887	9,069	2,187	470
September	..	9,232	5,281	2,902	1,226	2,670	816	6	30	22,163	9,223	2,268	199
October	..	7,832	4,302	3,121	1,158	2,436	714	5	30	19,598	8,977	2,241	624
November	..	6,954	3,727	4,502	1,115	2,113	600	5	21	19,037	8,990	2,245	131
December	..	7,381	4,044	6,814	1,120	2,538	546	4	22	22,469	8,525	2,244	436
January	..	7,849	3,946	7,765	1,152	2,638	397	7	27	23,781	8,188	2,326	480
February	..	6,568	3,263	6,472	988	2,325	371	6	27	20,020	8,458	2,403	118

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(c) Compiled from information furnished

by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII, of the *Social Services Act 1947–1958*.

(d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes the Northern Territory.

(f) Included with South Australia.

(g) Included with New South Wales.

(h) Not available.

(i) Eight months only.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—*continued.***

**NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.**

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a)			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants. (b)	Ordinary.	
Monthly Average— 1949-50..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952-53..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953-54..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954-55..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955-56..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956-57..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
1957-58..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	13,275	32,868	610,895
1958-59..	9,619	2,466	12,085	496,623	183,044	6,395	34,963	721,025
Monthly Total— 1957-58—								
February ..	10,562	2,300	12,862	585,502	161,223	17,866	36,313	800,904
March(c) ..	10,629	2,661	13,290	479,702	179,936	5,594	39,326	704,558
April ..	9,264	2,508	11,772	450,781	167,238	7,175	37,634	662,828
May(c) ..	12,160	3,248	15,408	515,038	188,744	6,289	43,205	753,276
June ..	10,432	2,577	13,009	453,460	172,398	3,198	35,493	664,549
1958-59—								
July ..	9,983	2,466	12,449	490,555	170,695	5,085	32,698	699,033
August(c) ..	10,951	2,724	13,675	564,035	206,765	5,613	37,461	813,874
September ..	7,611	1,966	9,577	474,595	187,927	2,282	34,092	698,896
October ..	6,531	1,714	8,245	482,293	192,288	4,731	34,680	713,992
November(c) ..	7,786	2,323	10,109	431,353	195,064	1,661	34,838	662,916
December ..	10,291	1,906	12,197	393,651	156,186	5,979	31,778	587,594
January(c) ..	17,160	2,603	19,763	605,009	171,145	12,245	29,778	818,177
February ..	9,567	2,580	12,147	573,460	168,319	9,395	37,133	788,307
March ..	7,709	2,652	10,361	472,622	174,224	5,915	34,235	686,996
April ..	8,094	2,748	10,842	508,367	194,758	5,911	40,303	749,339
May(c) ..	10,863	3,416	14,279	492,654	196,075	6,511	37,562	732,802
June ..	8,880	2,492	11,372	470,654	183,081	11,647	35,002	700,384
1959-60—								
July ..	8,467	2,605	11,072	535,299	220,331	9,177	42,890	807,697
August(c) ..	8,942	2,697	11,639	442,688	184,902	12,854	34,048	674,492
September ..	6,145	1,814	7,959	419,221	202,451	2,802	39,707	664,181
October(c) ..	5,974	2,038	8,012	385,693	195,201	2,678	35,905	619,477
November ..	5,776	1,549	7,325	338,603	188,423	Cr. 856	38,135	564,305
December ..	8,226	1,725	9,951	386,552	182,536	2,971	36,809	608,868
January(c) ..	11,686	2,352	14,038	450,905	176,289	6,224	35,276	668,694
February ..	6,021	2,093	8,114	383,919	178,087	5,541	40,066	607,613

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA (a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware. (c)	Electrical Goods. (d)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	Newspapers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (f)
Quarterly Average—														
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0	16.6	10.9	13.6		51.1			276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1	22.8	16.2	19.2		63.1			342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9	27.4	19.4	19.0		76.9			404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5 + 12.2	28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7 + 13.3 + 52.7				424.7	104.8
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9	30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1			459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8	34.0	24.8	21.6		92.1			502.2	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3	36.1	26.2	23.0		99.6			537.9	153.4
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	95.2 + 14.9	36.3	28.4	23.1	19.2 + 17.3 + 69.4				562.5	158.1
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8	36.6	34.6	24.4	109.7				586.0	171.4
1958-59—p ..	94.2	44.4	78.1	61.2	100.8 + 16.2	39.7	39.1	24.8	23.6 + 18.7 + 70.1				610.9	r185.6
Quarterly Total—														
1955-56—														
Dec. Qtr... ..	84.5	39.4	70.0	59.3	124.3	39.8	32.6	25.6		116.5			592.0	159.9
Mar. " ..	81.8	39.2	69.1	57.7	92.2	33.7	24.2	20.5		93.2			511.6	147.0
June " ..	82.5	41.7	66.4	55.3	114.6	35.5	23.2	22.4		96.3			537.9	149.6
1956-57—														
Sept. " ..	85.6	42.8	69.2	54.0	102.1	35.3	24.7	23.3		100.1			537.1	154.4
Dec. " ..	89.9	43.0	73.6	64.9	128.0	40.3	34.2	26.1		120.6			620.6	164.0
Mar. " ..	82.7	41.9	70.3	61.3	94.9	34.2	26.5	20.9		100.5			533.2	152.2
June " ..	85.7	42.7	69.6	57.5	115.2	35.3	28.1	22.3		102.7			559.1	161.9
1957-58—														
Sept. " ..	86.9	43.6	69.9	57.3	106.1	35.7	30.0	24.2		103.7			557.4	164.7
Dec. " ..	92.6	42.0	77.4	69.1	132.3	41.2	39.2	27.4		126.3			647.5	180.1
Mar. " ..	88.2	41.9	74.7	63.6	94.9	34.8	35.2	22.4		104.4			560.1	167.4
June " ..	90.6	43.3	72.5	58.2	117.7	34.5	33.9	23.6		104.6			578.9	173.6
1958-59—p ..														
Sept. " ..	91.7	43.9	73.7	56.1	95.5 + 15.1	37.9	38.8	24.8	22.3 + 17.2 + 67.8				584.8	r180.9
Dec. " ..	98.9	44.4	81.4	67.2	117.3 + 18.7	45.3	45.3	27.8	25.5 + 21.3 + 80.2				673.3	r195.2
Mar. " ..	92.0	43.2	81.5	64.1	82.5 + 14.0	37.0	35.4	21.8	22.4 + 18.3 + 64.2				576.4	r176.9
June " ..	94.1	46.3	75.7	57.6	108.0 + 16.9	38.8	36.7	24.6	24.4 + 17.8 + 68.1				r609.0	r189.4
1959-60—p ..														
Sept. " ..	96.8	47.2	78.9	58.7	101.0 + 16.7	39.9	42.3	27.1	24.1 + 18.3 + 68.9				r619.9	r200.8
Dec. " ..	104.0	46.4	87.6	70.1	124.9 + 20.5	47.9	51.1	31.5	27.4 + 22.8 + 83.7				r717.9	r228.5

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (f) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56 .. ..	25,483	17,695	694	10,493	412	59
1956-57 .. ..	26,424	18,718	708	11,407	432	61
1957-58 .. ..	29,849	21,472	719	13,120	440	61
1958-59 .. ..	32,933	23,766	722	14,749	448	62
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1958-59—						
February .. ..	29,426	21,091	717	13,011	442	62
March .. ..	31,160	22,780	731	14,123	453	62
April .. ..	34,603	25,741	744	15,957	461	62
May .. ..	31,785	23,260	732	14,458	455	62
June .. ..	33,412	24,008	719	15,215	455	63
1959-60—						
July .. ..	34,579	24,667	713	15,592	451	63
August .. ..	35,381	25,479	720	16,144	456	63
September .. ..	38,657	28,124	728	17,718	458	63
October .. ..	40,273	29,977	744	18,932	470	63
November .. ..	39,012	30,095	771	19,105	490	63
December .. ..	41,913	32,235	769	20,494	489	64
January p .. ..	34,056	23,792	699	15,348	451	65
February p .. ..	34,582	25,382	734	16,225	469	64
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56 .. ..	1,583	991	626	615	389	62
1956-57 .. ..	1,800	1,206	670	763	424	63
1957-58 .. ..	1,871	1,319	705	850	454	64
1958-59 .. ..	2,593	1,831	706	1,173	452	64
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1958-59—						
February .. ..	2,476	1,789	723	1,083	437	61
March .. ..	2,605	1,831	703	1,173	450	64
April .. ..	2,859	1,950	682	1,234	432	63
May .. ..	2,612	1,695	649	1,102	422	65
June .. ..	2,528	1,673	662	1,090	431	65
1959-60—						
July .. ..	2,633	1,606	610	1,013	385	63
August .. ..	2,399	1,632	680	1,075	448	66
September .. ..	2,578	1,897	736	1,257	488	66
October .. ..	3,205	2,474	772	1,618	505	65
November .. ..	3,509	2,978	849	1,895	540	64
December .. ..	3,435	2,717	791	1,794	522	66
January p .. ..	2,332	1,789	767	1,173	503	66
February p .. ..	2,675	1,950	729	1,288	481	66

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.**

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56	.. ..	56,292	4,320	77	3,509	62
1956-57	.. ..	56,473	4,437	79	3,564	63
1957-58	.. ..	67,949	6,965	103	5,648	83
1958-59	.. ..	69,632	6,945	100	5,710	82
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1958-59—						
February	.. ..	66,941	6,600	99	5,456	82
March	.. ..	64,640	6,233	96	5,132	79
April	.. ..	65,813	6,562	100	5,414	82
May	.. ..	63,060	6,351	101	5,278	84
June	.. ..	64,807	6,284	97	5,172	80
1959-60—						
July	.. ..	62,927	6,323	100	5,258	84
August	.. ..	62,358	6,205	100	5,016	80
September	.. ..	70,927	7,161	101	5,930	84
October	.. ..	73,609	7,365	100	6,090	83
November	.. ..	76,533	7,599	99	6,262	82
December	.. ..	91,619	8,763	96	7,252	79
January p	.. ..	77,871	7,610	98	6,241	80
February p	.. ..	66,084	6,858	104	5,559	84
TOTAL (All Goods).						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56	.. ..	83,358	23,006	276	14,617	175
1956-57	.. ..	84,697	24,361	288	15,734	186
1957-58	.. ..	99,669	29,756	299	19,618	197
1958-59	.. ..	105,158	32,542	309	21,632	206
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1958-59—						
February	.. ..	98,843	29,480	298	19,550	198
March	.. ..	98,405	30,844	313	20,428	208
April	.. ..	103,275	34,253	332	22,605	219
May	.. ..	97,457	31,306	321	20,838	214
June	.. ..	100,747	31,965	317	21,477	213
1959-60—						
July	.. ..	100,139	32,596	326	21,863	218
August	.. ..	100,138	33,316	333	22,235	222
September	.. ..	112,162	37,182	332	24,905	222
October	.. ..	117,087	39,816	340	26,640	228
November	.. ..	119,054	40,672	342	27,262	229
December	.. ..	136,967	43,715	319	29,540	216
January p	.. ..	114,259	33,191	290	22,762	199
February p	.. ..	103,341	34,190	331	23,072	223

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.**

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)  
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954—							
31st December ..	61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
1955—							
31st March ..	65,216	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,185
30th June ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
1956—							
31st March ..	78,641	55,500	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,875
30th June ..	78,897	56,533	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,865
30th September ..	80,635	58,345	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,487
31st December ..	83,628	61,640	36,089	24,751	15,877	9,033	231,018
1957—							
31st March ..	83,586	62,379	36,608	25,226	15,331	9,049	232,179
31st May ..	84,267	63,524	36,910	25,306	15,519	9,034	234,560
30th June ..	85,146	64,445	36,934	25,349	15,488	9,023	236,385
31st July ..	85,840	65,495	37,062	25,369	15,558	9,008	238,332
31st August ..	86,696	66,856	37,482	25,553	15,760	8,998	241,345
30th September ..	88,440	67,831	37,962	25,800	15,982	8,985	245,000
31st October ..	90,311	69,486	38,332	26,191	16,398	9,028	249,746
30th November ..	92,820	71,636	39,274	26,727	16,900	9,219	256,576
31st December ..	96,187	74,557	40,286	27,454	17,470	9,457	265,411
1958—							
31st January ..	98,066	76,403	40,641	27,808	17,807	9,600	270,325
28th February ..	100,097	78,365	40,943	27,921	17,779	9,655	274,760
31st March ..	102,871	79,582	41,266	27,898	18,155	9,798	279,570
30th April ..	105,528	81,881	41,552	28,329	18,534	9,918	285,742
31st May ..	109,199	84,079	42,111	28,628	18,859	9,929	292,805
30th June ..	111,320	85,020	42,483	28,761	19,052	9,932	296,568
31st July ..	113,952	86,524	42,903	28,936	19,160	9,924	301,399
31st August ..	116,680	87,797	43,420	29,172	19,363	9,986	306,418
30th September ..	119,858	89,915	44,361	29,719	19,605	10,109	313,567
31st October ..	123,141	91,914	45,474	30,328	20,107	10,234	321,198
30th November ..	126,513	94,219	46,303	30,965	20,708	10,332	329,040
31st December ..	130,332	96,558	47,472	31,867	21,201	10,665	338,095
1959—							
31st January ..	131,699	97,257	47,784	32,180	21,308	10,637	340,865
28th February ..	132,966	97,731	48,097	32,332	20,570	10,627	342,323
31st March ..	134,336	98,247	48,488	32,143	20,526	10,609	344,349
30th April ..	137,007	99,225	48,928	32,277	20,699	10,613	348,749
31st May ..	138,784	99,959	49,348	32,587	20,818	10,546	352,042
30th June ..	140,518	100,359	49,451	32,862	20,779	10,546	354,515
31st July ..	142,319	100,402	50,198	33,465	20,878	10,673	357,935
31st August ..	144,139	101,641	50,880	33,754	21,107	10,761	362,282
30th September ..	146,493	103,660	51,836	34,576	21,407	10,819	368,791
31st October ..	149,611	106,407	53,262	35,488	21,991	10,919	377,678
30th November ..	152,572	109,430	54,904	36,577	22,892	11,193	387,568
31st December ..	157,142	113,019	56,629	38,136	23,633	11,537	400,096
1960—							
31st January p ..	158,419	113,976	56,914	38,450	23,721	11,678	403,158
29th February p ..	58,896	114,823	57,289	38,779	22,869	11,751	404,407

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.	Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.				
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.		
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..
1957-58	..	..	..	..	..
1958-59	..	..	..	..	..
Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.					
	8½%	12½%	16⅔%	25%	30%
1958-59—					
November	..	16.8	36.0	9.9	7.6
December	..	18.3	38.8	9.6	8.8
January	..	10.6	28.4	7.9	4.9
February	..	13.3	30.4	9.2	5.8
March	..	13.1	30.7	9.3	6.1
April	..	13.8	31.8	10.4	6.6
May	..	13.0	28.8	9.8	6.8
June	..	12.8	29.0	10.1	6.6
1959-60—					
July ..	..	14.1	32.4	10.1	7.8
August	..	14.9	33.4	10.0	8.9
September	..	15.8	36.9	11.1	9.0
October (r)	..	16.7	38.5	10.5	8.9
November (a) (r)	..	18.6	41.3	10.7	9.6
December (a) ..	..	20.7	42.7	11.0	10.4

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.				
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.			Total. (c)									
	Motor Vehicle Assembly. ab	Other. (c)	Class Ic (5).	Class Ic (1-4).	CLASS I.	Class II.	Class III.										
	Class IA.	Class IB.															
<b>Monthly Average—</b>		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%				
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7				3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	(f)	(f)		4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8				3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	(f)	(f)		14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8				19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7				25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3		25,665	37.7	34,454	59.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2		24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2		27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59 ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8		26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
<b>Monthly Total—</b>																	
<b>1957-58—</b>																	
February ..	2,116	3.4	981	1.5	4,944	7.9		25,360	40.8	33,401	53.6	2,251	3.6	1,879	3.0	429	0.7
March ..	2,043	3.4	909	1.5	3,111	5.2		24,118	40.7	30,181	50.8	1,598	2.7	1,792	3.0	672	1.1
April ..	1,829	2.7	1,340	2.0	3,546	5.3		29,693	44.3	36,408	54.3	1,258	1.9	2,477	3.7	828	1.2
May ..	1,874	2.8	851	1.3	5,943	8.9		25,229	38.0	33,897	51.0	2,805	4.2	1,918	2.9	645	1.0
June ..	2,036	3.2	656	1.0	5,296	8.4		26,210	41.5	34,198	54.1	1,812	2.9	1,732	2.7	1,210	2.0
<b>1958-59—</b>																	
July ..	2,075	3.2	823	1.3	4,642	7.3		26,596	41.7	34,136	53.5	1,556	2.4	1,772	2.8	867	1.3
August ..	1,722	2.4	599	0.8	7,156	9.8		28,715	39.4	38,192	52.4	1,926	2.6	2,230	3.1	836	1.1
September ..	2,281	3.5	519	0.8	4,816	7.3		26,132	39.9	33,748	51.5	2,358	3.6	1,820	2.8	898	1.4
October ..	1,676	2.5	822	1.3	5,159	7.9		25,655	39.1	33,312	50.8	2,820	4.3	2,626	4.0	1,059	1.6
November ..	1,763	2.5	729	1.1	5,820	8.7		27,836	41.4	36,148	53.7	2,400	3.6	2,897	4.3	579	0.9
December ..	2,277	3.7	620	1.0	4,616	7.5		26,321	42.4	33,834	54.6	1,814	2.9	2,691	4.3	467	0.8
January ..	2,108	2.8	519	0.7	4,924	6.6		33,314	44.8	40,865	54.9	2,873	3.9	2,612	3.5	499	0.6
February ..	1,405	2.4	625	1.1	3,953	6.7		23,548	40.2	29,531	50.4	2,583	4.4	1,664	2.8	781	1.3
March ..	1,564	2.7	579	1.0	3,962	6.7		22,347	37.9	28,452	48.3	2,184	3.7	1,750	3.0	709	1.2
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1		26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	3.9	2,368	3.3	884	1.2
May ..	1,858	2.9	710	1.1	5,244	8.3		26,351	41.8	34,163	54.1	1,784	2.8	1,863	3.0	641	1.0
June ..	2,154	3.1	673	1.0	5,172	7.5		27,240	39.3	35,239	50.9	2,079	3.0	2,151	3.1	436	0.6
<b>1959-60 p—</b>																	
July ..	2,259	3.2	636	0.9	5,206	7.4		28,312	40.1	36,413	51.6	2,689	3.8	2,318	3.3	1,392	2.0
August ..	2,108	3.0	700	1.0	5,992	8.4		26,742	37.7	35,542	50.1	3,082	4.3	2,292	3.2	586	0.8
September ..	2,049	3.2	531	0.8	5,032	7.9		26,975	42.1	34,587	54.0	1,197	1.9	2,288	3.6	379	0.6
October ..	2,059	2.8	730	1.0	4,991	6.7		30,858	41.4	38,638	51.9	2,221	3.0	2,890	3.9	392	0.5
November ..	2,063	2.8	581	0.8	5,418	7.3		29,966	40.4	38,028	51.3	2,204	3.0	2,261	3.0	1,497	2.0
December ..	1,997	2.6	766	1.0	5,388	7.1		30,342	40.0	38,493	50.7	1,920	2.5	2,301	3.0	887	1.2
January ..	2,340	3.1	531	0.7	7,482	9.9		30,417	40.4	40,770	54.1	1,062	1.4	2,368	3.2	879	1.2
February ..	3,123	4.0	713	0.9	5,829	7.4		29,643	37.9	39,308	50.2	2,867	3.7	2,106	2.7	2,355	3.0

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

For meaning of symbol p, ———, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.					
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.		Total.	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.				(a)			
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—												
February ..	11,226	18.0	973	1.6	767	1.1	2,892	4.6	545	0.9	8,025	12.9
March ..	12,307	20.7	998	1.7	810	1.4	2,170	3.6	601	1.0	8,297	14.0
April ..	11,785	17.5	1,002	1.5	965	1.4	2,928	4.4	511	0.8	8,976	13.3
May ..	12,167	18.2	1,076	1.6	1,281	1.9	3,048	4.6	352	0.5	9,388	14.1
June ..	10,822	17.1	858	1.3	1,014	1.6	1,888	3.0	301	0.5	9,398	14.8
1958-59—												
July ..	10,141	15.9	750	1.2	3,471	5.4	2,814	4.4	403	0.7	7,895	12.4
August ..	13,657	18.7	1,030	1.4	514	0.7	3,414	4.7	538	0.7	10,510	14.6
September ..	11,821	18.0	991	1.5	920	1.4	2,931	4.5	399	0.6	9,651	14.7
October ..	11,083	16.9	1,156	1.7	1,624	2.5	2,635	4.1	312	0.5	8,847	13.7
November ..	12,004	17.8	870	1.3	624	0.9	2,626	3.9	301	0.4	9,073	13.2
December ..	10,879	17.6	966	1.6	832	1.3	2,291	3.7	361	0.6	7,771	12.6
January ..	12,507	16.8	1,087	1.5	1,220	1.6	2,916	3.9	510	0.7	9,305	12.6
February ..	10,445	17.8	784	1.3	2,188	3.8	2,696	4.6	467	0.8	7,405	12.8
March ..	10,704	18.2	912	1.5	3,763	6.4	2,529	4.3	458	0.8	7,403	12.6
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	9,623	13.0
May ..	10,481	16.6	661	1.1	2,610	4.1	2,748	4.4	264	0.4	7,850	12.5
June ..	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	8,929	12.8
1959-60 p—												
July ..	12,248	17.3	769	1.1	2,920	4.1	2,592	3.6	347	0.5	8,925	12.7
August ..	11,572	16.3	964	1.4	4,365	6.1	2,957	4.2	471	0.7	9,195	12.9
September ..	11,072	17.3	778	1.2	1,524	2.4	2,976	4.6	372	0.6	8,861	13.8
October ..	12,168	16.3	936	1.3	3,336	4.5	3,570	4.8	272	0.3	10,041	13.5
November ..	13,461	18.2	824	1.1	2,247	3.0	2,663	3.6	376	0.5	10,595	14.3
December ..	15,185	20.0	1,122	1.4	2,941	3.9	2,850	3.8	413	0.5	9,869	13.0
January ..	14,016	18.6	1,185	1.6	1,624	2.1	3,088	4.1	507	0.7	9,844	13.0
February ..	13,817	17.7	980	1.2	3,261	4.2	3,358	4.3	617	0.8	9,604	12.2

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class 1c.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Total.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59 ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1957-58—										
February ..	12,281	5,013	16,107	567	1,824	9,071	12,848	10,264	39,276	62,388
March ..	10,312	5,433	14,436	675	875	9,518	10,987	8,947	39,492	59,426
April ..	14,729	5,749	15,930	686	1,488	10,241	15,415	9,630	42,093	67,138
May ..	10,819	5,135	17,943	673	1,698	10,417	11,492	10,869	44,216	66,577
June ..	10,957	5,326	17,915	425	998	10,164	11,382	9,281	42,570	63,233
1958-59—										
July ..	13,226	4,844	16,066	517	1,742	8,853	13,743	9,224	40,838	63,805
August ..	9,869	6,143	22,180	544	2,266	11,652	10,413	11,762	50,672	72,847
September ..	10,969	4,947	17,832	534	1,922	10,525	11,503	10,499	43,535	65,537
October ..	10,253	5,495	17,564	622	1,290	9,982	10,875	10,702	43,897	65,474
November ..	12,642	4,585	18,921	537	1,517	9,946	13,179	9,776	44,567	67,522
December ..	12,808	4,498	16,528	499	1,151	8,773	13,307	8,641	39,958	61,906
January ..	15,987	5,495	19,383	581	1,623	10,527	16,568	11,299	46,527	74,394
February ..	10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	8,495	11,152	9,063	38,329	58,544
March ..	8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	8,222	9,710	8,694	40,460	58,864
April ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,623	10,578	10,644	51,860	73,082
May ..	12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	8,790	13,324	8,821	40,920	63,065
June ..	11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	9,726	11,965	10,412	46,971	69,348
1959-60 p—										
July ..	11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	r 9,698	11,752	11,413	r 47,448	r 70,613
August ..	11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	10,277	11,710	11,081	48,235	71,026
September ..	11,801	5,642	17,144	601	1,577	10,031	12,402	9,575	42,057	64,034
October ..	14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	11,713	15,389	10,690	48,385	74,464
November ..	12,855	6,277	18,896	598	1,048	11,988	13,453	10,833	49,870	74,156
December ..	12,611	5,811	20,071	501	1,518	11,113	13,112	10,603	52,266	75,981
January ..	13,413	5,018	22,339	555	1,353	11,531	13,968	8,864	52,511	75,343
February ..	12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560	11,164	13,449	11,907	52,917	78,273

(a) See note (c) page 17.

(b) See note (a) page 18.

(c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed."

For meaning of symbols p, r, ——, see page 1.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchan- dise.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37..	..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402 12,316
1937-38..	..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409 11,719
1938-39..	..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356 10,128
1952-53..	..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116 70,708
1953-54..	..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004 67,655
1954-55..	..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070 63,170
1955-56..	..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106 64,236
1956-57..	..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684 81,083
1957-58..	..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829 67,525
1958-59..	..	r8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580 67,226
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1957-58—										
February	..	3,701	1,136	2,173	343	39	450	2,152	32,555	1,899 59,582
March	..	3,320	951	2,202	1,488	484	1,734	1,885	32,012	1,625 60,937
April	..	3,447	424	2,220	3,183	1,000	1,272	1,417	22,495	1,869 52,861
May ..	..	4,346	570	2,661	4,525	2,062	760	1,491	25,173	995 64,338
June ..	..	5,181	933	2,574	2,463	1,194	280	1,334	20,484	1,859 54,434
1958-59—										
July ..	..	7,413	1,104	3,896	335	1,973	2,345	1,672	22,321	1,731 61,434
August	..	6,613	840	3,500	209	2,056	3,276	1,763	10,577	1,122 47,245
September	..	6,158	1,586	3,844	95	1,595	4,961	2,032	17,446	1,480 55,689
October	..	9,004	2,946	4,352	163	901	5,054	1,819	28,912	1,875 73,971
November	..	8,973	2,243	2,253	140	309	2,144	1,782	26,642	1,998 66,196
December	..	9,443	3,610	4,263	19	184	3,230	1,916	33,262	1,500 75,655
January	..	9,183	3,312	4,500	14	40	1,727	1,714	25,112	1,725 66,909
February	..	8,463	3,591	6,478	153	23	2,298	1,912	26,911	2,030 73,546
March	..	7,952	1,173	3,993	1,038	87	1,984	1,689	28,048	1,034 66,413
April ..	..	7,548	1,660	4,720	2,569	970	2,499	2,202	26,074	1,591 72,247
May ..	..	7,170	1,794	3,771	3,439	2,021	2,153	2,423	r30,911	1,664 76,667
June ..	..	9,283	1,097	6,143	1,239	2,589	577	2,648	26,027	1,213 70,733
1959-60 p—										
July ..	..	7,418	1,637	5,396	231	1,843	893	2,991	27,141	717 r66,483
August	..	r11,919	1,200	6,675	254	1,427	3,000	r3,170	15,591	1,111 r64,079
September	..	r8,258	r2,083	r6,632	48	1,245	1,722	r3,331	r22,485	r678 r68,826
October	..	r8,790	2,887	r4,388	215	1,307	4,213	r2,801	r35,784	r1,412 r84,644
November	..	r7,660	r5,040	r6,909	128	223	2,861	r2,506	r39,423	1,963 r87,679
December	..	7,950	4,155	5,813	104	156	514	2,919	49,949	1,069 96,931
January	..	6,243	4,276	6,562	48	66	2,318	1,905	33,873	747 74,284
February	..	5,843	2,672	9,665	219	91	1,655	2,354	35,569	1,261 79,532

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbol p, r, see page 1.

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares. (b) (c)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distribut- ing Companies.	10 Retail Compan- ies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Compan- ies.	4 Insurance Compan- ies.	75 Companies (including 34 Mis- cel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (d)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing)
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1954-55 ..	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56 ..	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57 ..	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58 ..	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1958-59 ..	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978	1,950	1,452	1,722
1957-58—									
February ..	2,225	2,005	1,894	2,838	1,862	1,846	1,854	1,476	1,680
March ..	2,247	2,042	1,852	2,858	1,867	1,851	1,899	1,467	1,700
April ..	2,237	2,041	1,826	2,841	1,852	1,838	1,896	1,455	1,694
May ..	2,163	1,944	1,723	2,910	1,812	1,776	1,858	1,446	1,669
June ..	2,200	1,926	1,738	2,924	1,838	1,816	1,886	1,450	1,686
1958-59—									
July ..	2,260	1,931	1,677	2,965	1,861	1,842	1,962	1,452	1,728
August ..	2,317	1,978	1,631	2,959	1,900	1,881	1,959	1,439	1,720
September ..	2,331	1,989	1,655	2,923	1,914	1,892	1,949	1,434	1,713
October ..	2,297	1,931	1,564	2,878	1,868	1,865	1,901	1,440	1,690
November ..	2,318	1,934	1,554	2,927	1,883	1,902	1,907	1,437	1,691
December ..	2,378	1,939	1,536	2,995	1,914	1,932	1,901	1,450	1,694
January ..	2,429	2,036	1,522	3,093	1,967	1,982	1,934	1,471	1,721
February ..	2,457	2,083	1,564	3,155	1,998	2,026	1,959	1,494	1,745
March ..	2,432	2,022	1,511	3,221	1,984	1,995	1,966	1,465	1,736
April ..	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062	1,941	1,428	1,706
May ..	2,570	2,058	1,675	3,435	2,102	2,145	1,974	1,448	1,733
June ..	2,642	2,094	1,635	3,521	2,156	2,209	2,047	1,469	1,781
1959-60—							(c)	(c)	(c)
July ..	2,735	2,248	1,708	3,636	2,271	2,349			
August ..	2,916	2,428	1,965	3,778	2,440	2,482			
September ..	3,042	2,562	2,345	3,886	2,560	2,613			
October ..	3,159	2,662	2,362	4,210	2,668	2,713			
November ..	3,091	2,586	2,242	4,290	2,639	2,667			
December ..	3,116	2,590	2,230	4,160	2,643	2,662			
January ..	3,302	2,880	2,351	4,230	2,813	2,821			
February ..	3,349	2,897	2,666	4,325	2,887	2,904			

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

## SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
	Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.										
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59 ..	362	350	230	386	394	475	p382	367	335	178	p351	p339
1957-58—												
February ..	468	368	194	375	294	496	349	379	239	178	393	378
March ..	422	371	188	375	308	496	346	380	239	178	372	358
April ..	400	365	163	370	353	479	346	368	235	178	358	346
May ..	392	367	162	369	364	485	339	373	241	178	356	344
June ..	400	369	166	377	368	477	347	375	239	178	361	348
1958-59—												
July ..	(e) 400	366	178	371	351	481	351	384	228	178	361	348
August ..	354	369	190	369	370	477	363	375	234	178	342	330
September ..	354	363	190	372	393	476	370	383	250	178	343	332
October ..	336	363	195	391	405	473	385	382	270	178	337	326
November ..	339	355	222	404	407	477	390	378	273	178	342	330
December ..	328	353	242	389	404	470	391	375	285	178	337	326
January ..	321	347	250	390	408	490	(e) 391	372	287	178	334	323
February ..	339	336	250	384	387	474	(e) 391	360	341	178	339	328
March ..	347	336	249	385	382	477	(e) 391	357	428	178	343	331
April ..	415	337	249	382	393	473	p387	348	521	178	p377	p364
May ..	415	339	262	396	402	477	p388	347	456	178	p381	p367
June ..	400	336	287	401	429	458	p387	341	452	178	p378	p364
1959-60—												
July ..	(e) 407	332	312	402	439	437	p387	327	464	178	p384	p370
August ..	445	340	336	418	411	461	p365	324	461	178	p406	p390
September ..	430	331	350	420	376	438	p360	309	440	178	p396	p380
October ..	430	330	359	431	(f)	440	p359	307	395	178	p398	p382
November ..	422	333	367	437	(f)	458	p358	304	312	178	p395	p380
December ..	437	333	367	436	(f)	458	p356	307	334	178	p405	p389
January ..	p437	333	355	435	(f)	455	p327	300	345	178	p405	p389
February ..	p415	p329	310	427	(f)	p448	p330	293	346	178	p388	p373

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.  
 (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—*continued.*

### RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. “Wool” and “Other Groups” are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.		
Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1947–48 ..	287	280	283	1953–54 ..	615	356	474		
1948–49 ..	365	305	332	1954–55 ..	538	342	431		
1949–50 ..	473	308	383	1955–56 ..	464	342	397		
1950–51 ..	999	365	654	1956–57 ..	578	331	444		
1951–52 ..	564	397	473	1957–58 ..	471	313	385		
1952–53 ..	616	371	483	1958–59 ..	362	p320	p339		
1954–55.									
July ..	(a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403
August ..	566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417
September ..	566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441
October ..	536	344	431	437	351	390	551	332	432
November ..	513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445
December ..	532	348	432	453	352	398	588	329	447
January ..	520	345	425	460	349	400	596	330	451
February ..	528	342	427	460	340	395	611	330	458
March ..	528	341	426	453	335	388	596	329	451
April ..	520	340	422	468	325	390	618	331	462
May ..	520	340	422	498	323	403	626	333	467
June ..	505	343	417	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452
1955–56.									
July ..	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403	490	330	403
August ..	520	330	417	520	330	417	520	330	417
September ..	566	336	441	566	336	441	566	336	441
October ..	532	332	432	532	332	432	532	332	432
November ..	581	331	445	581	331	445	581	331	445
December ..	588	329	447	588	329	447	588	329	447
January ..	596	330	451	596	330	451	596	330	451
February ..	611	330	458	611	330	458	611	330	458
March ..	596	329	451	596	329	451	596	329	451
April ..	618	331	462	618	331	462	618	331	462
May ..	626	333	467	626	333	467	626	333	467
June ..	596	332	452	596	332	452	596	332	452
1956–57.									
July ..	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403	490	330	403
August ..	520	330	417	520	330	417	520	330	417
September ..	566	336	441	566	336	441	566	336	441
October ..	551	332	432	551	332	432	551	332	432
November ..	581	331	445	581	331	445	581	331	445
December ..	588	329	447	588	329	447	588	329	447
January ..	596	330	451	596	330	451	596	330	451
February ..	611	330	458	611	330	458	611	330	458
March ..	596	329	451	596	329	451	596	329	451
April ..	618	331	462	618	331	462	618	331	462
May ..	626	333	467	626	333	467	626	333	467
June ..	596	332	452	596	332	452	596	332	452
1957–58.									
July ..	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	p338	p370
August ..	551	331	431	354	310	330	445	p344	p390
September ..	543	328	426	354	312	332	430	p339	p380
October ..	498	323	403	336	318	326	430	p343	p382
November ..	483	315	391	339	323	330	422	p344	p380
December ..	445	305	369	328	324	326	437	p349	p389
January ..	453	306	373	321	325	323	p437	p349	p389
February ..	468	303	378	339	318	328	p415	p339	p373
March ..	422	304	358	347	319	331			
April ..	400	301	346	415	p321	p364			
May ..	392	303	344	415	p327	p367			
June ..	400	306	348	400	p334	p364			
1958–59.									
July ..	(a)505	331	417	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	p338	p370
August ..	520	330	417	520	330	417	520	330	417
September ..	566	336	441	566	336	441	566	336	441
October ..	551	332	432	551	332	432	551	332	432
November ..	581	331	445	581	331	445	581	331	445
December ..	588	329	447	588	329	447	588	329	447
January ..	596	330	451	596	330	451	596	330	451
February ..	611	330	458	611	330	458	611	330	458
March ..	596	329	451	596	329	451	596	329	451
April ..	618	331	462	618	331	462	618	331	462
May ..	626	333	467	626	333	467	626	333	467
June ..	596	332	452	596	332	452	596	332	452
1959–60.									
July ..	(a)596	331	417	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	p338	p370
August ..	520	330	417	520	330	417	520	330	417
September ..	566	336	441	566	336	441	566	336	441
October ..	551	332	432	551	332	432	551	332	432
November ..	581	331	445	581	331	445	581	331	445
December ..	588	329	447	588	329	447	588	329	447
January ..	596	330	451	596	330	451	596	330	451
February ..	611	330	458	611	330	458	611	330	458
March ..	596	329	451	596	329	451	596	329	451
April ..	618	331	462	618	331	462	618	331	462
May ..	626	333	467	626	333	467	626	333	467
June ..	596	332	452	596	332	452	596	332	452

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The “changing weights” index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.	Month of February.		Eight months ended February.	
	1959.	1960.	1959.	1960.
Excluding Wool .. ..	100	p107	100	p109
Including Wool .. ..	100	p116	100	p118

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.						Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.		Goods principally Imported. (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358
1957-58—										
February ..	397	236	434	347	273	458	355	320	301	350
March ..	398	236	404	347	278	458	353	323	301	351
April ..	395	236	389	346	277	458	351	321	301	349
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357
1958-59—										
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357
August ..	394	231	358	327	244	420	338	338	285	360
September ..	394	231	358	327	244	432	340	337	283	361
October ..	394	231	341	327	243	432	339	330	282	356
November ..	394	232	344	327	254	425	338	326	282	352
December ..	390	231	337	327	267	420	336	322	282	348
January ..	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347
February ..	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365
April ..	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368
May ..	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363
June ..	388	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364
1959-60—										
July ..	385	231	392	330	394	422	343	340	282	366
August ..	388	230	417	330	411	422	346	343	281	371
September ..	388	223	405	330	414	425	345	339	276	369
October ..	388	223	404	328	375	425	343	339	277	367
November ..	390	223	399	328	360	425	342	335	279	363
December ..	389	223	411	328	359	433	344	338	280	366
January ..	399	223	411	333	375	433	348	344	282	372
February ..	p402	223	p394	333	395	433	p349	p343	283	p372
										p346

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 440 for February, 1960. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) Note.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For February, 1960, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 337; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 367; "Total All Groups," 342.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.  
 (Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada	United States of America. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United Kingdom.		France.	India.
							(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98			Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.	Base : 1949 = 100.
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	158	138	143	424
1957-58 ..	339	264	289	222	225	295	(f) 145	(f) 141	161	429
1958-59 ..	336	g275	288	p224	226	290	137	142	170	438
1958-59—				p						
Apr. ..	343	g272	289	226	227	288	139	142	173	431
May ..	340		288	226	227	290	140	142	174	435
June ..	340		288	225	226	292	139	142	172	440
1959-60—										
July ..	342	276	288	226	226	290	138	142	172	451
Aug. ..	345		288	225	225	292	141	142	174	453
Sept. ..	342		288	225	226	294	141	142	176	457
Oct. ..	341		287	225	225	296	141	143	178	463
Nov. ..	338		289	225	225	298	141	143	178	
Dec. ..	341			224	225		142	p143		
Jan. ..	346			225	226		p143	p143		
Feb. ..	p346				r226		p143	p143		

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (e) Year ended August, 1939. (f) From January, 1958, the index numbers reflect the movement of the nearest equivalent index in a new series of indexes on base 1954 = 100. (g) New index of "Prices paid for commodities used by Domestic Industry and Consumers", linked to former index at 1958.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.	Australia. (b)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37 ..	97.3	96	97	98	100	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100 (c)
1937-38 ..	99.8	101	101	102	101	
1938-39 ..	102.9	103	102	100	99	
	A      B					
1955-56 ..	274.2	277.4	206	186	190	154
1956-57 ..	286.2	290.9	213	191	196	159
1957-58 ..	292.5	291.5	217	197	202	166
1958-59 ..	299.5	298.9	231	226	205	168
1958-59—						
April ..	..	..	226	199	205	168
May ..	..	..	227	200	205	167
June ..	..	..	227	200	206	168
1959-60—						
July ..	..	..	227	200	207	167
August ..	..	..	227	201	207	168
September ..	..	..	227	202	207	167
October ..	..	..	227	203	208	168
November ..	..	..	228	204	208	169
December ..	..	..		203	208	169

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see note (c). (b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions as from (and including) September Quarter, 1955. (c) Series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. From February, 1956, the index numbers are a conversion of a new series compiled originally on base 17th January, 1956 = 100.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

## "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	"C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage Rate Indexes: Six States.	
	Food and Groceries. (a)	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)	
1936-37 .. ..	963	968	976	996	973	949	976	
1937-38 .. ..	989	1,001	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009	
1938-39 .. ..	1,048	1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015	
1951-52 .. ..	2,694	1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201	
1952-53 .. ..	2,950	1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217	
1953-54 .. ..	3,073	1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622	3,207	1,223	
1954-55 .. ..	3,098	1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644	3,249	1,229	
	A   B				A   B		A   B	
1955-56 .. ..	3,265   3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	2,742   2,774	(c) 3,362	1,226   1,212	
1956-57 .. ..	3,395   3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862   2,909	(c) 3,536	1,236   1,216	
1957-58 .. ..	3,424   3,396	1,527	4,147	2,497	2,925   2,915	3,605	1,233   1,237	
1958-59 .. ..	3,492   3,477	1,621	4,192	2,565	2,995   2,989	3,681	1,229   1,232	
1954-55— June	Quarter	3,169	1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678	3,283	1,226
	A   B						A   B	
1955-56— September	Quarter	3,215   3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	2,700   2,719	3,299	1,222   1,213
December	"	3,239   3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721   2,746	3,345	1,229   1,218
March	"	3,262   3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748   2,780	(c) 3,369	1,226   1,212
June	"	3,343   3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797   2,851	(c) 3,436	1,228   1,205
1956-57— September	Quarter	3,394   3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832   2,946	(c) 3,480	1,229   1,181
December	"	3,380   3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849   2,913	(c) 3,543	1,244   1,216
March	"	3,401   3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872   2,876	(c) 3,539	1,232   1,231
June	"	3,406   3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893   2,901	(c) 3,583	1,239   1,235
1957-58— September	Quarter	3,417   3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907   2,903	3,594	1,236   1,238
December	"	3,381   3,350	1,512	4,139	2,498	2,905   2,893	3,595	1,238   1,243
March	"	3,446   3,419	1,525	4,148	2,500	2,933   2,923	3,594	1,225   1,230
June	"	3,453   3,412	1,571	4,186	2,501	2,955   2,940	3,638	1,231   1,237
1958-59— September	Quarter	3,452   3,410	1,594	4,188	2,525	2,966   2,950	3,652	1,231   1,238
December	"	3,475   3,458	1,614	4,192	2,579	2,991   2,984	3,655	1,222   1,225
March	"	3,498   3,509	1,631	4,181	2,578	3,000   3,003	3,668	1,223   1,221
June	"	3,542   3,531	1,646	4,205	2,577	3,024   3,019	3,753	1,241   1,243
1959-60— September	Quarter	3,592   3,583	1,667	4,224	2,589	3,053   3,050	3,778	1,237   1,239
December	"	3,627   3,616	1,692	4,284	2,597	3,084   3,081		

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.  
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)	
	A	B				A	B
Year ended June—							
1953 .. ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954 .. ..	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5
1955 .. ..	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6
1956 .. ..	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0
1957 .. ..	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3
1958 .. ..	114.0	113.7	109.2	128.4	120.2	115.7	115.6
1959 .. ..	115.8	115.9	110.4	136.5	123.9	118.4	118.5
Quarter ended—							
1958—March ..	114.6	114.4	109.3	128.2	120.2	115.9	115.8
June ..	114.9	114.4	110.2	132.2	120.4	116.7	116.5
September ..	114.7	114.2	110.3	134.2	121.4	117.1	116.9
December ..	115.1	115.1	110.5	136.0	124.5	118.3	118.3
1959—March ..	116.1	116.7	110.3	137.4	124.7	118.8	119.0
June ..	117.4	117.6	110.7	138.6	125.2	119.7	119.7
September ..	118.2	118.5	111.1	140.6	125.8	120.4	120.5
December ..	118.7	118.9	112.4	142.8	126.9	121.4	121.5

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37 .. ..	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38 .. ..	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39 .. ..	88	87	105	92	79	96
1949-50 .. ..	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51 .. ..	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52 .. ..	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53 .. ..	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54 .. ..	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55 .. ..	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56 .. ..	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57 .. ..	336	536	386	432	607	374
1957-58p .. ..	336	435	382	388	473	359

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Price Index—All Groups.			Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.		Retail Price Indexes—All Groups.(b) (Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.)				
	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	All Groups. (a)	"C" Series Index.(c)				Interim Index.(d)
1936-37 ..	108	116	115	99	99	97.3			Base : 1952-53 = 100 (Arithmetically con- verted for comparison.)	Base : 1952-53 = 100
1937-38 ..	105	102	102	102	101	99.8				
1938-39 ..	87	82	83	99	100	102.9				
1951-52 ..	397	495	473	321	297	233.7		91.7		91.4
									A	B
1952-53 ..	371	505	483	350	319	255.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
1953-54 ..	356	496	474	332	319	262.2		102.8	102.2	102.5
1954-55 ..	342	450	431	330	322	264.4		103.7	103.7	103.6
1955-56 ..	342	414	397	345	334	274.2	277.4	107.5	108.8	107.0
1956-57 ..	331	464	444	367	344	286.2	290.9	112.2	114.1	113.0
1957-58 ..	313	400	385	355	339	292.5	291.5	114.7	114.3	115.7
1958-59 ..	p320	p351	p339	340	336	299.5	298.9	117.5	117.2	118.4
										118.5
1957-58—										
January ..	306	387	373	355	335	293.3				
February ..	303	393	378	355	336		292.3	115.0	114.7	115.9
March ..	304	372	358	353	337					115.8
April ..	301	358	346	351	335					
May ..	303	356	344	343	336		295.5	294.0	115.9	115.3
June ..	306	361	348	343	337					
1958-59—										
July ..	304	361	348	339	336	296.6				
August ..	310	342	330	338	338		295.0	116.3	115.7	117.1
September	312	343	332	340	338					
October ..	318	337	326	339	334					
November	323	342	330	338	332		299.1	298.4	117.3	117.0
December	324	337	326	336	328					
January ..	325	334	323	336	327					
February ..	318	339	328	338	332	300.0				
March ..	319	343	331	340	340		300.3	117.7	117.8	118.8
April ..	p321	p377	p364	346	343					
May ..	p327	p381	p367	344	340					
June ..	p334	p378	p364	343	340		302.4	301.9	118.6	118.4
1959-60—										
July ..	p338	p384	p370	343	342	305.3				
August ..	p344	p406	p390	346	345		305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4
September	p339	p396	p380	345	342					
October ..	p343	p398	p382	343	341					
November	p344	p395	p380	342	338		308.4	308.1	121.0	120.8
December	p349	p405	p389	344	341					
January ..	p349	p405	p389	348	346					
February ..	p339	p388	p373	p349	p346					

(a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK.

(Adult Males.)

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
-------	------------------	-----------	-------------	------------------	--------------------	-----------	-----------------------------

## COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

1958—	s.	d.								
31st March..	263	0	255	0	238	0	251	0	256	0
30th June(a)	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0
30th September	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0
31st December	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0
1959—										
31st March..	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0
30th June(b)	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0
30th September	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0
31st December	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0

## STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

1958—	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
(c)										
31st March..	269	0	(d) 263	0	(e) 244	0	(f) 251	0	(g) 268	6
30th June ..	274	0	263	0	(h) 248	0	(i) 256	0	268	6
30th September	274	0	263	0	(j) 254	0	256	0	(k) 272	3
31st December	273	0	263	0	(l) 256	0	256	0	(l) 273	5
1959—										
31st March..	275	0	263	0	(m) 260	0	256	0	273	5
30th June ..	276	0	*275	0	(n) 263	0	(o) 271	0	(n) 275	1
30th September	277	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	(p) 278	7
31st December	279	0	275	0	(q) 267	0	271	0	(q) 281	6

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.†

1958—	s.	d.								
31st March..	323	10	316	5	306	5	306	11	318	4
30th June ..	329	1	319	1	310	8	312	0	319	6
30th September	329	2	319	7	315	8	312	3	322	8
31st December	328	8	319	8	317	8	312	4	324	0
1959—										
31st March..	329	10	320	1	320	11	312	7	324	0
30th June ..	337	6	330	6	326	7	327	7	327	1
30th September	338	2	334	1	327	3	327	9	330	2
31st December	348	3	343	8	334	0	338	11	338	10

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.‡

31st December, 1959 ..	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.91	39.97	39.96
------------------------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

Payable as from :—(a) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (b) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (c) Beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (d) Beginning of first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) 27th January, 1958. (f) 20th May, 1957. (g) 7th February, 1958. (h) 28th April, 1958. (i) 26th May, 1958. (j) 24th July, 1958. (k) 4th August, 1958. (l) 27th October, 1958. (m) 2nd February, 1959. (n) 27th April, 1959. (o) 15th June, 1959. (p) 27th July, 1959. (q) 26th October, 1959.

\* During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. † Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959. ‡ For a full week's work (excluding overtime). Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. § Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring. Except in Tasmania, there has been no change in weighted average standard weekly hours since September, 1953.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1952-53	..	15,422	10,816	4,868	3,357	2,492	1,199	38,154
1953-54	..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	..	22,484	16,257	7,034	4,793	3,361	1,729	55,658
1957-58—								
December Quarter	..	22,741	16,253	6,894	4,772	3,353	1,674	55,687
March	" ..	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
June	" ..	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,386
1958-59—								
September	" ..	22,182	15,908	7,016	4,757	3,407	1,654	54,924
December	" ..	23,645	17,044	7,424	4,961	3,505	1,799	58,378
March	" ..	21,253	15,382	6,565	4,568	3,131	1,669	52,568
June	" ..	22,857	16,692	7,132	4,886	3,402	1,793	56,762
1959-60—								
September	" ..	23,583	17,312	7,491	5,228	3,563	1,771	58,948
December	" ..	25,499	18,357	7,686	5,400	3,716	1,889	62,547

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)								
Period.		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1952-53	..	15.96	15.71	14.17	15.17	14.69	14.80	15.45
1953-54	..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	..	21.11	20.89	18.78	19.11	18.34	19.42	20.31
1957-58—								
December Quarter	..	21.44	21.27	18.96	19.25	18.46	19.22	20.59
March	" ..	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
June	" ..	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
1958-59—								
September	" ..	20.92	20.68	18.68	19.17	18.67	18.74	20.16
December	" ..	22.19	22.01	19.88	19.89	19.12	20.37	21.35
March	" ..	19.94	19.63	17.65	18.15	17.08	18.61	19.14
June	" ..	21.37	21.27	18.88	19.23	18.48	19.97	20.57
1959-60—								
September	" ..	21.97	22.03	19.71	20.45	19.35	19.96	21.30
December	" ..	23.46	23.14	20.41	20.96	20.06	21.02	22.42

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1951-52(b) ..	2,736	6,703	164	1,269	2,900	7,972	1,727	9,699
1952-53..	2,506	6,472	302	1,739	2,808	8,211	1,829	10,040
1953-54..	2,663	7,748	327	2,537	2,990	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,245	377	4,054	4,050	15,299	2,593	17,892
1955-56..	3,361	11,040	336	4,994	3,697	16,034	2,847	18,881
1956-57..	3,114	10,496	327	4,252	3,441	14,748	2,653	17,401
1957-58..	3,451	11,973	353	4,265	3,804	16,238	2,922	19,160
1958-59..	3,538	12,780	379	5,538	3,917	18,318	3,338	21,656
<b>Monthly Total—</b>								
1957-58—								
February ..	3,155	10,768	346	3,778	3,501	14,546	2,455	17,001
March ..	3,552	11,944	348	3,601	3,900	15,545	2,728	18,273
April ..	3,567	12,903	360	6,082	3,927	18,985	3,074	22,059
May ..	3,679	12,726	419	5,197	4,098	17,923	2,955	20,878
June ..	3,639	12,705	401	5,391	4,040	18,096	3,308	21,404
1958-59—								
July ..	4,411	15,447	466	7,161	4,877	22,608	3,642	26,250
August ..	3,459	12,432	425	6,540	3,884	18,972	3,311	22,283
September ..	4,115	14,586	408	4,563	4,523	19,149	3,761	22,910
October ..	3,839	13,500	420	5,384	4,259	18,884	3,303	22,187
November ..	3,523	12,997	347	3,962	3,870	16,959	3,000	19,959
December ..	2,787	9,928	330	4,015	3,117	13,943	2,563	16,506
January ..	2,712	10,176	266	3,747	2,978	13,923	2,092	16,015
February ..	3,440	12,697	326	4,395	3,766	17,092	3,103	20,195
March ..	3,317	11,998	349	6,695	3,666	18,693	2,658	21,351
April ..	3,772	13,585	365	6,277	4,137	19,862	3,633	23,495
May ..	3,366	11,975	399	7,507	3,765	19,482	5,069	24,551
June ..	3,723	14,031	444	6,210	4,167	20,241	3,924	24,165
1959-60—								
July ..	4,146	14,918	459	5,740	4,605	20,658	3,666	24,324
August ..	3,905	15,147	507	6,251	4,412	21,398	3,752	25,150
September ..	4,099	16,056	447	5,951	4,546	22,007	4,145	26,152
October ..	4,031	15,104	422	10,309	4,453	25,413	3,907	29,320
November ..	4,310	16,658	374	4,064	4,684	20,722	3,809	24,531
December ..	2,980	12,072	315	4,968	3,295	17,040	4,275	21,315
January ..	3,160	12,737	271	5,447	3,431	18,184	3,671	21,855
February ..	3,950	15,523	313	4,814	4,263	20,337	3,499	23,836

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

(b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne.  
For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

(c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.			
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.		
		Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.		Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.		Common-wealth and State.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37	..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38	..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39	..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1953-54	..	(e) 4,622	(f)12,356	(g)9,691	1,912	3,553	(h)4,622	1,653	(f)3,890	(i) 2,297
1954-55	..	5,936	(j)17,892	(j)8,365	2,461	(k)6,340	(k)3,550	1,779	(k)5,598	(k)1,812
1955-56	..	5,845	18,881	9,020	2,399	6,742	3,365	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57	..	5,199	17,401	8,862	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1957-58	..	6,170	19,160	9,862	2,676	6,961	3,967	1,717	6,698	2,161
1958-59	..	7,109	21,656	10,840	3,457	8,077	4,295	1,747	7,803	2,290
1957-58—										
March	Qtr.	5,998	18,311	9,452	2,171	6,689	3,713	1,644	6,543	2,145
June ..	"	7,266	21,447	10,052	3,894	8,483	3,901	1,526	7,060	2,307
1958-59—										
September	"	7,217	23,814	11,746	3,880	9,120	5,011	1,560	8,437	2,504
December	"	6,533	19,551	10,200	2,479	7,098	3,893	2,526	7,147	2,125
March	"	6,273	19,187	9,088	2,880	6,834	3,685	1,122	6,982	2,119
June	"	8,413	24,070	12,327	4,590	9,257	4,591	1,782	8,645	2,413
1959-60—										
September	"	8,113	25,209	12,845	3,769	9,685	5,340	2,234	8,491	2,802
December	"	r8,841	25,055	13,106	3,261	10,724	6,039	2,323	7,436	2,378
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1958-59—										
March	..	8,321	21,351	n.a.	3,887	7,042	3,555	1,175	8,842	2,067
April	..	9,423	23,495	n.a.	6,038	9,084	4,677	1,732	8,527	2,556
May	..	6,710	24,551	n.a.	3,717	9,284	4,057	1,406	9,531	2,204
June	..	9,106	24,165	n.a.	4,015	9,403	5,040	2,208	7,878	2,479
1959-60										
July	..	7,151	24,324	n.a.	3,291	8,536	5,314	2,364	8,389	3,150
August	..	4,932	25,150	n.a.	2,288	9,821	5,288	1,405	8,488	2,787
September	..	12,255	26,152	n.a.	5,727	10,698	5,419	2,934	8,595	2,468
October	..	8,885	29,320	n.a.	2,092	14,213	8,283	2,248	7,934	2,675
November	..	8,502	24,531	n.a.	2,851	9,080	5,009	2,800	7,437	2,549
December	..	r9,137	21,315	n.a.	4,838	8,879	4,824	1,921	6,938	1,911
January	..	3,835	21,855	n.a.	1,140	8,794	3,707	1,713	5,990	2,306
February	..	5,858	23,836	n.a.	2,688	9,363	4,461	1,641	8,204	2,404

(a) See note (a) on page 33.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia.

(e) See note (c), page 33.

(f) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas.

(g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33.

(h) See A below.

(i) See B below.

(j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33.

(k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas".

For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

(c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

(f) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne.

(g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33.

(h) See A below.

(i) See B below.

(j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33.

(k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas".

For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.			
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		
		Commonwealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.		Commonwealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.		Commonwealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.		Commonwealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>													
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19	
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18	
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16	
1953-54 ..	(c) 303	1,299	(d) 1,404	320	1,486	392	314	1,750	548	120	(e) 378	(f) 428	
1954-55 ..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,171	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 393	(g) 460	
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	400	521	
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	234	1,470	435	238	454	565	
1957-58 ..	614	1,702	1,970	536	2,066	763	425	1,321	520	202	412	481	
1958-59 ..	521	1,863	2,141	685	2,268	1,120	478	1,231	479	221	414	515	
<b>1957-58—</b>													
Mar. Qtr.	1,004	1,644	1,879	495	2,011	677	402	1,020	536	282	404	502	
June "	494	2,180	1,992	758	2,027	849	407	1,247	521	187	450	482	
<b>1958-59—</b>													
Sept. ,,	508	1,844	2,053	443	2,586	1,150	706	1,347	515	120	480	513	
Dec. ,,	386	1,714	2,131	606	2,082	1,057	272	1,182	463	264	328	531	
Mar. ,,	659	1,866	1,712	888	2,079	700	538	1,016	413	186	410	459	
June ,,	530	2,027	2,670	804	2,324	1,571	395	1,379	525	312	438	557	
<b>1959-60—</b>													
Sept. ,,	618	2,330	2,538	634	2,611	988	532	1,572	546	326	520	631	
Dec. ,,	667	2,329	2,211	1,125	2,607	1,255	559	1,376	521	906	583	702	
<b>Monthly Total—</b>													
<b>1958-59—</b>													
March ..	717	1,820	1,838	1,722	2,217	n.a.	518	1,053	463	302	377	478	
April ..	215	1,807	2,611	795	2,078	n.a.	491	1,615	526	152	384	762	
May ..	298	1,823	2,675	831	2,131	n.a.	142	1,205	531	316	577	541	
June ..	1,075	2,452	2,724	788	2,762	n.a.	551	1,316	519	469	354	368	
<b>1959-60—</b>													
July ..	306	2,282	2,836	475	3,077	n.a.	487	1,551	549	228	489	731	
August ..	344	2,740	2,699	244	2,177	n.a.	143	1,460	520	508	464	621	
September ..	1,206	1,967	2,080	1,182	2,579	n.a.	965	1,705	570	241	608	541	
October ..	672	2,452	2,079	2,590	2,686	n.a.	791	1,428	580	492	607	672	
November ..	334	2,881	2,314	292	3,244	n.a.	466	1,376	421	1,759	513	591	
December ..	996	1,654	2,240	494	1,891	n.a.	420	1,324	563	468	629	842	
January ..	331	2,416	1,792	364	2,960	n.a.	217	1,320	373	70	375	412	
February ..	695	1,837	2,158	142	2,576	n.a.	666	1,186	564	26	670	671	

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (d) See

C below. (e) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (f) See F

below. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947 thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1953-54.. ..	a 49,254	23,428	a 72,682	49,780	20,130	69,910	a 163,798	132,339	a 296,137
1954-55(b) ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56.. ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57.. ..	52,355	37,386	89,741	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58.. ..	57,259	37,929	95,188	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,772	355,470
1958-59.. ..	63,698	44,280	107,978	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1957-58—									
Sept. Qtr. ..	59,147	39,139	98,286	53,910	55,215	109,125	168,068	212,075	380,143
Dec. ..	53,014	31,753	84,767	61,801	44,466	106,267	160,581	201,631	362,212
Mar. ..	55,656	39,157	94,813	53,089	46,986	102,075	162,319	196,037	358,356
June ..	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,772	355,470
1958-59—									
Sept. ..	67,969	49,085	117,054	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,441	370,187
Dec. ..	57,096	33,205	90,301	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,983	338,760
Mar. ..	63,683	41,432	105,115	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743	343,566
June ..	66,043	53,398	119,441	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60—									
Sept. ..	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. ..	68,664	50,314	118,978	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,121	205,469	362,590

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

# VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1953-54 .. ..	25,386	21,680	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	n.a.	970	69,910
1954-55 .. ..	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955-56 .. ..	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57 .. ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58 .. ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59 .. ..	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1957-58—									
Sept. Qtr. ..	44,859	33,424	9,815	9,012	6,297	3,192	698	1,828	109,125
Dec. ..	40,688	31,954	10,263	10,178	8,044	3,312	502	1,326	106,267
Mar. ..	41,293	31,470	9,952	9,083	6,433	2,715	311	818	102,075
June ..	42,400	34,908	8,013	9,774	6,488	3,621	599	1,869	107,672
1958-59—									
Sept. ..	39,545	30,964	10,657	9,731	9,706	3,066	538	2,652	106,859
Dec. ..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257	124,526
Mar. ..	39,600	30,775	9,703	9,472	6,236	2,922	773	2,169	101,650
June ..	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921	110,936
1959-60—									
Sept. ..	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. ..	41,694	40,131	13,890	12,206	8,380	3,162	595	2,408	122,466

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1953-54 .. ..	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,015	681	n.a.	96	(b)19,219
1954-55 .. ..	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955-56 .. ..	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57 .. ..	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58 .. ..	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59 .. ..	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1957-58—Dec. Qtr.	6,057	5,392	1,612	1,778	1,249	582	38	340	17,048
Mar. "	6,223	6,055	1,779	1,666	1,282	583	100	198	17,886
June "	6,862	6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	100	316	19,493
1958-59—Sept. "	7,721	6,444	2,390	2,170	1,497	725	101	549	21,597
Dec. "	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. "	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350
June "	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392	701	92	382	20,958
1959-60—Sept. "	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,523	620	83	418	21,918
Dec. "	7,858	6,649	2,453	2,356	1,358	674	125	415	r21,888
COMPLETED.									
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1953-54 .. ..	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	n.a.	138	19,395
1954-55 .. ..	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955-56 .. ..	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57 .. ..	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58 .. ..	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59 .. ..	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1957-58—Dec. Qtr.	6,918	6,101	1,979	2,134	1,922	706	62	223	20,045
Mar. "	6,479	5,289	1,872	1,870	1,301	615	53	148	17,627
June "	7,224	5,962	1,807	1,954	1,480	621	75	261	19,384
1958-59—Sept. "	7,494	6,386	2,089	2,204	1,342	595	79	341	20,530
Dec. "	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,386
Mar. "	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,413
June "	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	21,829
1959-60—Sept. "	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,143
Dec. "	8,071	7,119	2,648	2,570	1,615	638	95	407	r23,163
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1953-54 .. ..	(b)25,348	21,730	3,593	5,865	6,406	2,195	n.a.	477	(b)65,614
1954-55 .. ..	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955-56 .. ..	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57 .. ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58 .. ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59 .. ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1957-58—Dec. Qtr. ..	19,267	18,307	3,263	5,720	4,268	2,015	127	1,297	54,264
Mar. " ..	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	174	1,347	54,518
June " ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59—Sept. " ..	18,879	19,458	3,632	5,476	4,269	2,157	221	1,610	55,702
Dec. " ..	18,024	18,131	3,306	5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,098
Mar. " ..	18,676	18,213	3,244	5,435	3,606	2,254	149	1,458	53,035
June " ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60—Sept. " ..	18,055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	51,932
Dec. " ..	17,842	17,265	3,220	5,522	3,180	2,088	215	1,325	r50,657

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include home units". (b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gen- er- ated.	Pig Iron. (b)	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.			'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>												
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,664	18,399	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	8,885	19,983	2,711
1957-58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	190.1	254.4	9,594	21,359	2,987
1958-59 p ..	1,549	150	1,699	1,028	91.4	4,055	1,761	190.7	266.2	9,559	20,022	3,741
<b>Monthly Total—</b>												
1957-58—												
February ..	1,467	194	1,661	807	84.1	3,232	1,468	172.6	227.6	8,609	18,865	2,920
March ..	1,486	184	1,670	889	85.5	3,663	1,632	196.6	260.1	9,560	22,072	3,708
April ..	1,444	176	1,620	901	81.7	3,701	1,588	186.5	248.7	9,306	22,985	3,414
May ..	1,565	204	1,769	1,001	88.1	4,203	1,766	199.5	271.5	9,748	22,598	3,537
June ..	1,553	155	1,708	1,000	95.9	4,646	1,813	178.9	256.6	9,811	22,051	4,265
1958-59 p—												
July ..	1,818	199	2,017	1,118	107.9	5,131	1,968	190.0	270.5	9,591	19,131	3,946
August ..	1,663	174	1,837	1,060	85.3	4,774	1,852	194.7	267.2	9,888	19,802	4,202
September ..	1,630	173	1,803	1,061	99.0	4,431	1,775	189.2	263.6	9,663	19,997	4,639
October ..	1,836	158	1,994	1,032	92.7	4,147	1,774	182.0	265.3	9,862	18,284	4,479
November ..	1,600	164	1,764	998	86.9	3,663	1,660	188.5	262.7	9,382	21,120	3,898
December ..	1,197	152	1,349	926	100.8	3,596	1,638	200.2	269.9	9,696	21,038	2,020
January ..	1,010	123	1,133	900	79.8	3,253	1,591	198.7	267.6	9,412	21,300	2,433
February ..	1,532	128	1,660	891	85.4	3,190	1,574	180.1	244.0	8,587	20,336	3,636
March ..	1,556	117	1,673	1,011	93.9	3,384	1,688	187.6	274.2	9,606	18,866	3,800
April ..	1,565	136	1,701	1,024	82.8	3,769	1,731	192.2	265.4	9,350	20,147	3,687
May ..	1,542	129	1,671	1,130	82.8	4,453	1,893	206.5	287.4	9,944	19,371	4,207
June ..	1,640	142	1,782	1,188	99.6	4,864	1,987	231.1	291.7	9,731	20,875	3,942
1959-60 p—												
July ..	1,739	148	1,887	1,262	90.2	5,108	2,121	210.4	290.7	9,990	18,876	3,928
August ..	1,631	160	1,791	1,209	86.8	4,919	2,032	212.3	285.0	10,083	20,110	3,874
September ..	1,727	164	1,891	1,150	93.5	4,433	1,930	207.9	277.0	9,808	20,049	r5,620
October ..	1,692	150	1,842	1,162	95.1	4,344	1,941	256.9	306.5	10,120	17,700	r6,694
November ..	1,657	157	1,814	1,123	96.1	3,776	1,840	206.9	297.0	9,736	20,056	r5,678
December ..	1,119	131	1,250	1,015	103.5	3,615	1,781	212.9	295.3	10,094	19,800	4,046
January ..	1,173	108	1,281	1,062	79.1	3,272	1,713	215.0	283.9	9,842		
February ..					80.2	3,388	1,763	194.4	273.9	9,247		

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.  
 (d) Includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Clay Bricks. Million.	Building Materials.					Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators. No.
		Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	
		Terra-cotta. '000.	Cement. '000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	22,874
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e) 1,510	3,942	4,753	23,381
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	20,617
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	190.9	1,453	3,602	4,663	16,293
1958-59p ..	79.9	4,942	4,348	2,239	123.4	207.6	1,488	3,372	5,505	16,327
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
<b>1957-58—</b>										
February	69.4	4,891	4,114	2,199	109.4	178.1	1,475	3,082	4,800	4,556
March ..	73.7	4,991	4,140	2,488	120.6	200.0	1,442	2,847	4,333	4,994
April ..	72.2	4,949	3,929	2,026	107.9	196.1	1,439	3,038	4,326	4,142
May ..	82.2	5,196	4,429	2,760	123.4	209.3	1,559	3,146	4,234	4,983
June ..	75.0	4,878	3,980	2,077	122.2	206.1	1,455	2,960	3,976	4,565
<b>1958-59 p—</b>										
July ..	87.3	5,392	4,434	2,450	124.4	208.7	1,603	3,959	5,347	5,637
August ..	79.7	4,959	4,194	2,456	135.6	215.2	1,513	4,177	5,558	5,173
September	86.8	5,145	4,529	2,241	131.5	212.7	1,571	4,143	6,662	5,196
October ..	86.1	5,556	4,794	2,371	136.8	223.9	1,625	3,736	7,212	21,527
November	79.0	4,945	4,464	2,446	130.6	210.2	1,544	3,312	6,268	27,632
December	73.3	4,221	3,770	1,897	115.7	192.6	1,276	3,107	5,798	23,445
January ..	53.4	3,571	3,134	1,587	90.6	158.7	1,098	2,105	3,838	23,389
February	75.9	4,909	4,383	2,209	105.2	190.3	1,478	2,972	6,111	13,725
March ..	81.6	4,881	4,388	1,875	116.8	215.3	1,448	3,234	5,130	5,620
April ..	84.7	5,467	4,810	2,333	120.2	218.5	1,610	3,252	5,653	16,809
May ..	85.6	5,216	4,720	2,622	133.9	232.5	1,551	3,061	4,397	12,406
June ..	85.6	5,041	4,560	2,375	138.8	212.6	1,542	3,406	4,091	12,454
<b>1959-60 p—</b>										
July ..	89.8	5,604	4,857	2,575	r135.2	223.2	1,640	3,759	6,843	5,947
August ..	86.6	4,841	5,064	2,852	r129.5	229.0	1,555	3,444	7,190	5,487
September	94.6	5,324	5,116	2,647	r134.1	225.6	1,603	3,356	8,116	19,185
October ..	91.4	4,892	5,035	2,804	r136.2	226.4	1,631	3,349	7,625	25,915
November	85.8	4,612	5,073	2,826	r133.9	225.0	1,597	3,143	7,435	30,863
December	79.4	4,310	4,303	2,405	119.5	217.5	1,340	3,078	7,033	27,367
January ..	57.3	3,219	3,210	1,474	94.1	170.7	1,096	r1,873	r3,923	12,454
February	85.9	4,585	4,481	2,545		212.1	1,571	2,860	6,831	17,894

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of 1,000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of 1,000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955

represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1936-37 ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38 ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39 ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1952-53 ..	2,302	2,052	1,289	10.3	2.97	2.39	1,498
1953-54 ..	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55 ..	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56 ..	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57 ..	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957-58 ..	3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958-59p ..	3,591	3,521	1,365	12.9	3.42	2.27	2,002
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
1957-58—							
February ..	3,739	3,741	1,694	12.8	4.22	2.98	1,674
March ..	3,807	3,735	1,681	13.3	4.15	2.93	1,732
April ..	3,902	3,879	1,528	10.6	3.90	2.56	1,699
May ..	3,799	3,910	1,551	12.5	3.93	2.35	1,865
June ..	3,449	3,613	1,819	12.7	3.49	1.96	1,773
1958-59 p—							
July ..	3,996	3,870	1,562	12.5	3.31	2.07	2,152
August ..	3,587	3,564	1,434	10.5	3.01	1.97	2,267
September ..	3,536	3,675	1,532	11.2	3.40	2.16	2,432
October ..	3,930	3,910	1,484	12.4	3.51	2.52	2,486
November ..	3,520	3,606	1,277	13.5	3.41	2.45	2,136
December ..	2,990	3,050	1,096	12.1	2.88	2.12	1,807
January ..	2,638	2,796	896	10.0	2.39	1.62	1,166
February ..	3,589	3,321	r1,305	13.4	3.57	2.47	1,811
March ..	3,590	3,420	1,342	13.9	3.66	2.56	1,820
April ..	4,234	3,968	r1,512	14.5	4.02	2.58	1,988
May ..	3,686	3,433	1,357	15.3	3.90	2.39	1,902
June ..	3,801	3,641	1,588	16.1	4.02	2.33	2,056
1959-60 p—							
July ..	4,143	3,726	1,416	16.2	4.19	2.34	2,266
August ..	3,676	3,571	1,315	13.4	3.79	2.25	2,339
September ..	4,104	3,628	1,561	14.7	4.50	2.65	2,558
October ..	3,619	3,347	1,389	14.3	4.43	2.77	2,489
November ..	3,757	3,470	1,486	15.2	4.32	2.85	2,487
December ..	3,160	r2,884	1,215	13.5	3.73	2.37	1,954
January ..	2,927	r3,011	990	12.4	2.96	1.84	1,212
February ..	3,665	3,450	1,304	14.1	4.20	2.68	1,911

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's, Fully Fash., and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1936-37 .. ..	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38 .. ..	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39 .. ..	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1952-53 .. ..	131.2	156.4	(g)	73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54 .. ..	157.9	179.1		101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55 .. ..	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56 .. ..	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57 .. ..	120.9	237.0		(h) 9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8
1957-58 .. ..	122.7	209.8	67.1	(h) 8.4	151.5	238.0	127.5
1958-59 p.. ..	109.0	223.7	60.3	(h) 7.9	154.7	247.0	134.2
61.9							
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
<b>1957-58—</b>							
February .. ..	125.0	204.5	66.0	7.3	154.0	253.2	103.2
March .. ..	120.5	204.7	63.3	7.7	154.1	244.2	97.5
April .. ..	113.9	192.3	61.0	7.7	154.0	239.5	100.9
May .. ..	131.6	229.2	66.9	8.3	150.6	239.0	123.2
June .. ..	116.1	219.2	63.8	6.9	142.7	218.6	128.3
<b>1958-59 p—</b>							
July .. ..	117.5	248.1	71.2	8.4	179.2	269.8	167.3
August .. ..	110.0	237.6	70.6	8.8	156.9	245.0	156.1
September .. ..	123.1	245.3	73.2	7.6	171.4	261.1	176.4
October .. ..	124.2	268.2	70.0	7.3	181.9	293.2	174.2
November .. ..	114.8	228.7	59.8	6.1	162.1	285.2	153.1
December .. ..	89.0	185.0	57.7	6.4	146.7	241.8	120.4
January .. ..	64.1	137.9	37.3	5.2	92.1	154.3	59.7
February .. ..	103.6	210.1	59.5	10.2	152.3	262.5	109.9
March .. ..	103.9	211.6	57.1	8.3	154.7	245.2	110.6
April .. ..	119.5	232.5	59.4	8.9	161.9	235.3	119.8
May .. ..	115.8	241.7	61.1	8.5	146.5	234.4	129.2
June .. ..	122.6	237.3	66.4	9.5	150.6	236.6	134.1
<b>1959-60 p—</b>							
July .. ..	146.1	249.4	64.7	11.8	180.8	274.3	186.0
August .. ..	130.1	245.9	63.3	11.6	148.7	249.9	169.1
September .. ..	159.5	253.1	76.2	13.2	180.4	287.7	192.2
October .. ..	162.6	253.4	73.1	11.9	155.6	280.0	193.3
November .. ..	151.8	241.2	65.9	16.5	168.2	302.3	179.7
December .. ..	113.2	193.3	56.5	10.3	142.9	267.1	r146.2
January .. ..	75.8	149.2	42.3	8.1	93.2	156.8	r76.7
February .. ..	113.1	269.8	65.0	10.1	155.2	260.0	121.2

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.  
 (c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r ———, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total. Meat.	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,971	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,394
1957-58	110.1	p42.0	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	109.5	18,871
1958-59 p	113.3	43.4	114.1	15,901	3,591	6,300	75.5	25.9	15.2	8.5	125.1	19,037
<b>Monthly Total—</b>												
1957-58												
Jan. ..	105.4	33.0	120.5	17,407	3,033	7,991	55.0	26.7	12.2	8.1	102.0	21,172
Feb. ..	94.2	42.2	105.2	14,940	2,290	6,371	51.4	26.5	10.6	7.9	96.4	18,574
Mar. ..	93.9	47.7	104.3	14,624	2,074	5,742	59.1	23.1	10.5	9.3	102.0	20,065
Apr. ..	84.9	p40.0	81.9	10,519	1,610	4,260	63.9	21.4	10.3	9.4	105.0	18,008
May ..	101.0	p44.9	69.3	7,859	1,555	3,512	81.6	21.6	10.6	9.3	123.1	17,701
June ..	96.5	p40.0	64.4	6,876	1,694	3,380	86.1	18.5	10.7	7.9	123.2	15,495
1958-59 p							r	r			r	
July ..	108.8	41.6	71.8	7,934	2,223	3,672	87.4	22.2	13.0	r8.6	131.2	16,446
August	115.1	44.7	91.6	11,409	3,244	5,304	75.3	20.6	11.8	r8.1	115.8	16,699
Sept. ..	112.0	45.8	124.5	17,529	4,474	7,692	75.5	22.2	14.0	r8.6	120.3	18,992
Oct. ..	112.1	45.1	156.5	23,277	5,687	9,821	79.6	27.5	23.1	9.6	139.8	21,700
Nov. ..	116.9	47.3	154.4	22,846	5,520	9,979	74.0	26.6	25.9	r8.8	135.3	22,187
Dec. ..	104.7	40.5	160.4	24,507	5,011	9,965	70.9	29.7	21.3	r8.9	130.8	25,037
Jan. ..	112.4	42.6	148.2	22,502	4,504	8,042	60.5	28.5	13.3	r7.6	109.9	19,762
Feb. ..	107.6	43.0	117.4	17,040	3,261	5,812	67.0	30.1	11.9	r8.4	117.4	18,571
Mar. ..	107.4	42.5	111.3	15,614	2,915	5,521	69.9	27.7	11.7	r8.9	118.2	19,171
Apr. ..	112.2	41.2	91.3	11,965	2,342	4,085	77.4	25.0	11.9	r9.1	123.4	18,830
May ..	120.1	49.0	75.2	8,835	2,000	3,153	83.6	25.0	11.8	r8.1	128.5	15,832
June ..	130.0	37.7	67.1	7,351	1,915	2,551	85.3	25.3	12.2	r7.2	130.0	15,216
1959-60 p												
July ..	132.4	42.0	73.8	8,281	2,300	3,432	92.6	26.1	13.8	8.0	140.5	17,055
Aug. ..	129.9	45.5	97.6	12,508	3,373	5,684	71.8	22.9	12.8	r7.5	115.0	17,187
Sept. ..	125.6	40.9	131.4	18,634	4,752	8,546	67.6	28.0	17.8	r8.2	121.6	20,753
Oct. ..	133.8	55.8	164.9	24,689	6,003	10,797	62.4	34.7	22.4	9.3	128.8	21,498
Nov. ..	136.6	47.7	176.9	27,173	5,916	11,716	51.3	34.7	21.9	8.3	116.2	22,044
Dec. ..	110.8	44.4	171.4	26,660	5,450	9,881	49.0	35.5	19.2	9.0	112.7	25,601
Jan. ..	111.3	42.2	150.7	22,754	4,721	8,648	50.2	34.0	15.6	7.7	107.5	21,

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Whole milk equivalent.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.	
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.					
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	'000.	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 .. .. ..	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.	
1937-38 .. .. ..	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.	
1938-39 .. .. ..	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.	
1952-53 .. .. ..	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133	1,745	141		
1953-54 .. .. ..	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514	2,088	241		
1954-55 .. .. ..	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002	2,245	293		
1955-56 .. .. ..	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912	2,030	303		
1956-57 .. .. ..	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230	1,804	287		
1957-58 .. .. ..	4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129	2,370	317		
1958-59 p .. .. ..	(b)4,306	81.8	177.0	950	133	(c)9,839	2,344	326		
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1957-58—	(b)									
February .. .. ..	4,162	82.4	194.0	954	126	8,627	2,557	306		
March .. .. ..	4,248	87.4	195.3	948	147	8,790	2,639	330		
April .. .. ..	4,126	90.4	221.9	839	132	7,994	2,322	306		
May .. .. ..	4,328	96.6	201.6	928	153	8,885	2,768	358		
June .. .. ..	3,982	83.1	192.3	813	115	8,463	2,567	314		
1958-59 p—										
July .. .. ..	4,219	79.6	167.2	888	135	11,212	2,769	379		
August .. .. ..	4,175	94.7	197.9	942	137	9,951	2,371	342		
September .. .. ..	4,397	81.1	167.7	1,085	131	10,484	2,268	355		
October .. .. ..	4,441	75.6	171.6	1,119	152	10,719	2,413	367		
November .. .. ..	4,332	80.5	165.7	1,080	138	9,723	2,134	318		
December .. .. ..	5,039	66.6	136.5	1,023	122	8,613	1,856	294		
January .. .. ..	3,961	79.3	168.3	705	94	7,095	1,403	203		
February .. .. ..	4,212	77.9	164.4	979	138	10,231	2,165	322		
March .. .. ..	3,903	92.6	200.7	907	132	9,170	2,304	285		
April .. .. ..	4,632	89.4	221.5	954	148	10,682	2,930	361		
May .. .. ..	4,206	89.3	176.9	925	136	10,036	3,042	351		
June .. .. ..	4,151	75.0	185.5	795	134	10,148	2,467	339		
1959-60 p—										
July .. .. ..	4,478	73.2	157.4	1,008	156	12,030	2,549	386		
August .. .. ..	4,296	82.9	175.3	947	144	11,597	2,414	352		
September .. .. ..	4,347	81.7	188.2	1,052	155	13,585	2,705	369		
October .. .. ..	4,700	85.0	183.1	1,062	167	13,248	2,723	378		
November .. .. ..	4,628	73.1	140.7	1,087	163	13,483	2,521	350		
December .. .. ..	5,216	83.7	187.7	1,006	134	11,247	2,051	284		
January .. .. ..	4,231	88.1	178.4	718	109	8,004	1,374	236		
February .. .. ..	4,362	80.3	197.4	1,011	160	9,687	2,254	342		

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.  
 July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

(b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(c) From

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, —, see page 1.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a)	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A. (a) (c)
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 ..	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	108	93
1955 ..	116	110	112	120	128	120	116	118	116	111	113	105
1956 ..	123	120	115	133	138	128	144	123	122	114	114	109
1957 ..	123	120	121	144	147	137	167	126	128	118	115	110
1958 ..	115	118	125	150	151	142	168	126	124	118	114	102
1959 ..			135	159	162			137	130	121	120	115
1957—												
August ..	117	121	123	100	138	114	165	122	126	116	99	112
September ..	126	123	127	148	151	141	166	124	137	125	119	110
October ..	126	121	124	150	154	144	165	133	135	125	120	108
November ..	125	121	123	158	162	138	164	128	136	125	123	106
December ..	121	111	116	162	151	137	167	116	121	125	113	103
1958—												
January ..	119	111	125	158	144	142	154	122	122	114	101	
February ..	121	116	129	162	145	131	167	113	136	124	119	98
March ..	119	116	129	160	146	143	179	124	135	125	122	97
April ..	117	115	128	164	153	138	163	124	115	127	111	96
May ..	115	120	126	166	151	146	163	128	117	125	114	98
June ..	113	123	129	161	153	141	162	130	135	125	115	101
July ..	100	116	83	148	145	152	165	126	84	59	105	102
August ..	107	117	126	100	142	116	163	121	122	113	97	105
September ..	118	121	134	148	155	152	168	131	133	121	115	105
October ..	119	121	135	154	161	157	173	142	135	124	118	109
November ..	116	124	135	161	168	146	172	128	138	128	122	110
December ..	116	116	126	157	155	147	183	126	122	122	115	108
1959—												
January ..	112	118	126	154	143	146	171	125	123	120	115	110
February ..	112	124	132	159	149	145	190	121	138	124	118	113
March ..	119	124	130	156	156	154	204	132	120	128	117	115
April ..	120	126	135	163	160	158	195	139	136	126	122	118
May ..	120	128	137	169	163	154	201	136	122	123	119	119
June ..	122	133	139	167	163	155	208	145	141	124	124	121
July ..	105	125	93	150	153	162	209	140	91	64	110	112
August ..	110	125	139	107	153	129	209	128	127	116	104	112
September ..	123	133	148	158	169	168	217	147	142	r127	126	115
October ..	126	136	148	166	175	177	221	152	143	132	131	115
November ..		132	150	179	186	170	224	r141	143	135	133	114
December ..			143	181	176			141	130	136	125	117
January ..												122

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1949-50(b) ..	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b) ..	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b) ..	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b) ..	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54 ..	1,200	607	141	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55 ..	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56 ..	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57 ..	1,565	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58 ..	1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
1958-59 ..	1,783	766	111	14,182	6,199	833
<b>Monthly Totals.</b>						
1957-58—				(d)	(d)	(d)
January ..	1,628	722	118	11,145	4,630	1,283
February ..	1,637	725	118	13,926	5,529	989
March ..	1,646	728	118	13,678	6,140	1,035
April ..	1,664	733	118	15,410	6,214	861
May ..	1,671	734	117	15,237	6,003	781
June ..	1,676	735	116	12,820	5,357	655
1958-59—						
July ..	1,688	736	116	13,906	6,106	652
August ..	1,694	738	115	13,561	5,505	770
September ..	1,703	740	115	14,741	5,929	911
October ..	1,720	744	115	16,084	6,453	888
November ..	1,728	748	115	14,817	6,154	856
December ..	1,739	752	115	15,930	6,576	1,007
January ..	1,744	754	114	12,431	5,082	904
February ..	1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March ..	1,755	757	113	13,228	6,126	844
April ..	1,772	762	113	15,139	7,031	896
May ..	1,770	761	111	13,133	6,760	766
June ..	1,783	766	111	13,686	6,789	657
1959-60—						
July ..	1,792	768	110	15,721	7,470	725
August ..	1,804	771	109	15,634	6,889	706
September ..	1,814	775	108	17,261	7,252	827
October ..	1,826	779	108	19,132	7,587	815
November ..	1,840	784	107	18,743	7,472	782
December ..	1,858	790	107	20,817	7,808	913
January ..	1,865	790	107	13,394	4,787	773
February ..	1,877	793	106	17,128	6,502	992

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton-miles.(b)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1949-50	.. ..	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683
1950-51	.. ..	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804
1951-52	.. ..	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626
1952-53	.. ..	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903
1953-54	.. ..	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155
1954-55	.. ..	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498
1955-56	.. ..	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765
1956-57	.. ..	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737
1957-58	.. ..	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928
1958-59	.. ..	7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430
<b>Monthly Total—(c)</b>						
1957-58—						
November	.. ..	7,613	3,890	585.9	39,718	15,176
December	.. ..	7,285	3,231	498.8	40,081	13,887
January	.. ..	7,262	3,186	494.3	38,577	13,676
February	.. ..	6,852	3,456	525.9	40,325	13,364
March	.. ..	7,589	3,762	591.2	43,621	15,026
April	.. ..	7,292	3,541	543.4	39,705	14,163
May	.. ..	7,837	3,863	594.0	42,898	15,227
June	.. ..	7,265	3,627	538.8	41,802	14,856
1958-59—						
July ..	.. ..	7,835	4,187	603.2	41,206	15,271
August	.. ..	7,689	3,901	579.0	40,225	15,233
September	.. ..	7,642	4,045	593.3	43,480	15,914
October	.. ..	7,976	4,261	620.2	39,444	16,422
November	.. ..	7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087
December	.. ..	7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436
January	.. ..	7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609
February	.. ..	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699
March	.. ..	7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411
April	.. ..	7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354
May	.. ..	7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520
June ..	.. ..	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204
1959-60—						
July ..	.. ..	8,037	4,452	660.7	40,381	16,317
August	.. ..	7,842	4,312	633.8	42,682	16,259
September	.. ..	7,911	4,529	677.6	40,610	16,989
October	.. ..	8,064	4,473	667.1	40,865	16,633
November	.. ..	7,597	4,160	(d) 648.9	39,816	16,083

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.  
 (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis. (d) Partly estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1948-49..	..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50..	..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51..	..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52..	..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53..	..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54..	..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55..	..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56..	..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57..	..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58..	..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958-59..	..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1957-58—										
December ..	..	613	1,008	329	88	52	364	185	49	1,067
January ..	..	606	1,247	309	109	42	358	186	49	1,053
February ..	..	488	1,139	280	111	48	334	139	34	946
March ..	..	515	1,280	285	134	51	380	189	43	1,082
April ..	..	458	1,178	293	107	40	353	141	58	992
May ..	..	646	1,336	347	97	50	390	191	58	1,133
June ..	..	540	1,116	330	139	24	381	156	54	1,084
1958-59—										
July ..	..	659	1,263	391	109	66	376	128	86	1,156
August ..	..	680	1,108	335	91	73	381	121	58	1,059
September ..	..	652	1,046	325	134	63	294	127	51	994
October ..	..	653	1,301	356	63	70	359	114	52	1,014
November ..	..	632	1,123	329	76	74	386	148	38	1,051
December ..	..	760	1,347	269	103	39	353	146	49	959
January ..	..	814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February ..	..	797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March ..	..	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April ..	..	793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May ..	..	724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June ..	..	707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959-60—										
July ..	..	766	1,299	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104
August ..	..	758	1,225	328	105	59	358	165	47	1,062
September ..	..	896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October ..	..	842	1,347	385	120	75	359	160	56	1,155
November ..	..	871	1,343	347	99	61	391	190	39	1,131
December p ..	..	826	1,170	372	144	49	367	153	39	1,124
January p ..	..	806	1,287	254	62	25	360	152	32	885

(a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46. (b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1948-49..	..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50..	..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51..	..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52..	..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53..	..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54..	..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55..	..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56..	..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57..	..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957-58..	..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958-59..	..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1957-58—										
December	..	111	237	56	29	5	4	3	13	110
January	..	80	261	17	26	4	19	6	10	82
February	..	71	215	16	25	4	7	12	29	93
March	..	121	254	17	34	8	6	10	16	91
April ..	..	182	222	14	28	6	5	5	19	77
May ..	..	210	269	15	31	6	7	6	21	86
June ..	..	131	254	19	27	3	5	5	29	88
1958-59—										
July ..	..	140	196	22	30	5	5	3	15	80
August ..	..	102	282	19	29	4	8	4	18	82
September ..	..	123	221	17	18	5	5	9	23	77
October ..	..	111	230	19	45	5	6	4	22	101
November ..	..	111	218	33	41	4	6	3	20	107
December ..	..	103	224	14	28	4	5	3	19	73
January ..	..	78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February ..	..	85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March ..	..	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April ..	..	203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May ..	..	164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June ..	..	114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959-60—										
July ..	..	121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116
August ..	..	107	271	14	36	3	9	9	25	97
September ..	..	101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October ..	..	142	261	21	52	4	10	5	35	128
November ..	..	101	270	20	51	5	7	5	33	121
December p ..	..	108	267	19	45	8	3	7	27	109
January ..	..	91	238	11	40	3	2	5	50	111

(a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments.
		£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
		Monthly Average.	Monthly Average.	Monthly Average.	Monthly Average.	Monthly Average.	Monthly Average.
1948-49	.. .. ..	2,776	14	(b) 1,763	.. ..	734	1,028
1949-50	.. .. ..	3,196	14	(b) 1,841	.. ..	793	1,110
1950-51	.. .. ..	3,732	14	(b) 1,885	.. ..	864	1,209
1951-52	.. .. ..	4,948	22	1,961	.. ..	927	1,301
1952-53	.. .. ..	5,367	17	1,986	.. ..	985	1,384
1953-54	.. .. ..	5,650	15	2,042	.. ..	1,050	1,476
1954-55	.. .. ..	6,069	13	2,035	.. ..	1,127	1,587
1955-56	.. .. ..	6,612	13	2,089	.. ..	1,207	1,704
1956-57	.. .. ..	7,519	14	2,107	(c) 11 (c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58	.. .. ..	8,065	15	2,138	19 291	1,362	1,937
1958-59	.. .. ..	8,622	21	2,264	25 578	1,443	2,056
1957-58—		Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.		
February	.. .. ..	7,565	13	2,145	22 200	1,331	1,892
March	.. .. ..	8,154	12	2,135	20 220	1,337	1,901
April	.. .. ..	7,906	12	2,135	19 239	1,343	1,910
May	.. .. ..	8,482	15	2,138	24 262	1,351	1,922
June..	.. .. ..	9,046	15	2,138	31 291	1,362	1,937
1958-59—							
July	.. .. ..	8,449	22	2,147	36 328	1,369	1,948
August	.. .. ..	7,661	16	2,146	31 358	1,376	1,958
September	.. .. ..	8,512	28	2,172	32 390	1,383	1,968
October	.. .. ..	9,299	31	2,201	26 415	1,391	1,979
November	.. .. ..	7,784	22	2,195	21 433	1,398	1,989
December	.. .. ..	9,714	16	2,210	18 455	1,404	1,999
January	.. .. ..	7,872	13	2,210	17 468	1,410	2,006
February	.. .. ..	7,823	19	2,211	19 484	1,416	2,017
March	.. .. ..	8,450	27	2,235	23 506	1,422	2,026
April	.. .. ..	9,700	25	2,266	25 530	1,428	2,036
May	.. .. ..	8,432	17	2,257	26 555	1,436	2,047
June..	.. .. ..	9,768	16	2,264	24 578	1,443	2,056
1959-60—							
July	.. .. ..	9,517	16	2,266	28 599	1,453	2,071
August	.. .. ..	8,100	13	2,265	30 627	1,461	2,084
September	.. .. ..	9,110	13	2,258	32 654	1,468	2,095
October	.. .. ..	9,796	12	2,248	29 682	1,475	2,105
November	.. .. ..	9,366	10	2,242	29 711	1,481	2,112
December	.. .. ..	11,571	8	2,247	25 738	1,487	2,122
January	.. .. ..	9,309	9	2,249	26 761	1,491	2,127
February	.. .. ..	9,894	12	2,260	30 791	1,494	2,132

(a) Actual collections.  
on 31st December, 1951.

(b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951.

(c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

# RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA (a).

## CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).							Rural Credits Department.	
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Account of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.		
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>									
1953–54 .. ..	38.5	299.7	338.2	306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0	43.2
1954–55 .. ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8	62.3
1955–56 .. ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7	73.8
1956–57 .. ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8	56.6
1957–58 .. ..	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6	33.7
1958–59 .. ..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	469.1	46.7
1957–58 .. ..									
February .. ..	45.0	340.7	385.7	340.3	24.0	223.2	464.4	479.0	45.5
March .. ..	45.2	342.5	387.7	325.3	23.6	226.0	459.3	469.0	48.0
April .. ..	47.1	347.5	394.6	313.2	14.7	229.1	437.7	477.6	46.3
May .. ..	45.6	342.2	387.8	294.0	23.1	228.6	448.4	458.8	38.2
June .. ..	45.4	342.6	388.0	282.7	24.3	231.0	436.5	464.6	37.9
1958–59—									
July .. ..	44.6	343.5	388.1	271.2	29.8	230.0	426.0	477.0	30.2
August .. ..	44.2	346.5	390.7	265.1	25.6	227.2	410.6	494.3	22.3
September .. ..	44.5	348.0	392.5	265.1	27.3	221.3	401.9	507.3	14.9
October .. ..	45.3	348.8	394.1	265.1	29.0	223.4	392.2	521.5	12.6
November .. ..	46.4	349.3	395.7	265.1	22.3	229.5	396.6	516.9	11.9
December (c) .. ..	54.6	360.2	414.8	265.1	22.3	228.8	405.1	525.6	12.1
January .. ..	52.1	349.3	401.4	265.1	28.5	225.5	407.3	497.6	29.1
February .. ..	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8	229.7	407.3	432.8	72.9
March .. ..	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6	233.5	402.8	410.7	98.3
April .. ..	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2	417.6	415.5	96.7
May .. ..	46.5	348.3	394.8	250.2	16.2	247.6	438.8	404.9	85.2
June .. ..	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	17.8	245.5	431.6	422.8	74.6
1959–60—									
July .. ..	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8	238.3	421.2	439.6	67.3
August .. ..	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8	239.8	417.2	461.9	58.1
September .. ..	46.4	356.6	403.0	250.2	28.7	242.8	420.4	480.3	48.3
October .. ..	47.7	358.8	406.5	250.2	21.9	243.6	429.4	478.4	40.5
November .. ..	48.3	361.0	409.3	265.2	22.1	248.3	437.3	499.1	34.1
December (c) .. ..	58.6	372.0	430.6	285.1	25.9	250.6	448.6	536.5	27.6
January .. ..	55.4	362.4	417.8	286.5	23.6	242.7	461.8	477.3	52.0
February .. ..	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7	243.4	454.8	456.0	78.5

(a) Prior to the 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Banks.

(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of Trading

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,  
and  
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**  
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.											Commonwealth Development Bank.(a)	
	Deposits.				Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	Advances.			
	Fixed. (b)	Current.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.	Hire Purchase.				Other.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.									
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>													
1953-54 ..	30.0	5.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	..	34.8	69.2	16.6	9.2	
1954-55 ..	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	..	36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5	
1955-56 ..	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	..	33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1	
1956-57 ..	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	..	34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5	
1957-58 ..	49.2	5.7	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	..	40.2	107.8	16.0	14.9	
1958-59 ..	60.3	7.4	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	..	36.5	122.5	17.4	15.1	
<b>1957-58—</b>													
February ..	49.1	6.5	148.6	204.2	10.9	2.8	44.8	..	43.6	107.5	16.0	14.8	
March ..	51.2	6.4	151.3	208.9	11.8	8.2	45.3	..	40.5	108.1	16.0	14.7	
April ..	51.8	6.8	152.4	211.0	10.4	6.8	46.8	..	39.7	110.6	16.0	14.5	
May ..	52.4	6.7	151.7	210.8	9.9	6.3	46.7	..	38.4	113.4	16.1	14.7	
June ..	55.5	7.8	152.0	215.3	10.4	8.5	46.7	..	37.9	113.9	16.3	14.8	
<b>1958-59—</b>													
July ..	57.3	8.3	150.9	216.5	10.6	7.9	47.2	..	37.4	119.2	16.4	14.9	
August ..	58.1	7.8	151.7	217.6	11.4	4.7	50.2	..	37.1	121.2	16.5	15.0	
September ..	60.7	6.8	154.1	221.6	12.1	6.7	54.7	..	37.1	119.0	16.7	15.0	
October ..	60.9	7.2	159.1	227.2	11.0	5.9	58.6	..	37.1	121.2	17.1	14.9	
November ..	60.7	7.2	164.1	232.0	11.8	7.1	60.3	..	38.1	122.3	17.7	15.0	
December(e) ..	59.3	7.1	166.3	232.7	11.9	3.8	60.6	..	38.2	124.0	18.4	14.9	
January ..	59.5	7.3	154.4	221.2	12.2	2.5	50.2	..	38.4	125.6	18.2	14.9	
February ..	60.3	7.2	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6	..	36.3	123.9	17.9	14.9	
March ..	60.9	7.2	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	4.5	34.1	121.3	17.5	15.0	
April ..	60.5	7.4	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	3.5	34.3	112.9	17.5	15.1	
May ..	60.4	7.5	165.4	233.3	9.1	2.3	60.9	5.7	34.7	125.3	17.4	15.7	
June ..	65.1	8.1	160.2	233.4	10.8	1.8	60.9	3.1	35.2	125.1	17.4	15.6	
<b>1959-60—</b>													
July ..	64.9	8.3	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	1.0	36.1	130.7	17.4	15.7	
August ..	64.3	8.5	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	3.1	36.1	130.5	17.4	16.0	
September ..	65.4	8.2	169.2	242.8	13.1	4.0	64.3	2.8	36.6	129.1	17.4	16.1	
October ..	66.0	8.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	1.8	36.9	130.7	17.6	16.3	
November ..	65.9	8.6	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	2.5	39.1	131.6	18.1	16.4	
December(e) ..	58.4	9.0	189.1	256.5	15.9	3.2	60.3	1.6	41.7	135.8	18.4	16.5	
January ..	57.5	10.9	182.4	250.8	13.5	3.8	54.3	1.3	42.3	135.9	18.3	16.1	
February ..	57.3	13.4	190.4	261.1	11.0	3.0	56.3	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2	

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.  
 February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b).  
 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Prior to  
 (d) Prior to

For meaning of symbol ., see page 1.

**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Total.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.				
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.			Other Securities.				
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>										
1936-37 ..	..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0	..	.. 262.5	
1937-38 ..	..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(e) 21.4	..	.. 274.4	
1938-39 ..	..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	20.5	(e) 20.5	..	.. 288.1	
1953-54 ..	..	207.8	32.0	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	.. 285.2 658.5	
1954-55 ..	..	211.7	51.3	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	.. 269.1 776.8	
1955-56 ..	..	210.8	52.3	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	.. 238.8 804.4	
1956-57 ..	..	234.5	65.0	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	.. 254.1 762.6	
1957-58 ..	..	261.5	83.9	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	.. 287.4 774.3	
1958-59 ..	..	274.6	93.9	1,007.8	1,376.3	58.3	38.3	193.5	.. 222.8 807.0	
<b>1957-58—</b>										
February ..	..	267.7	84.7	1,091.2	1,443.6	58.9	77.1	201.9	.. 296.0 749.6	
March ..	..	268.1	88.3	1,093.2	1,449.6	56.9	86.1	204.4	.. 284.0 754.6	
April ..	..	266.9	86.4	1,061.1	1,414.4	53.2	33.5	196.3	.. 272.9 792.2	
May ..	..	267.7	82.5	1,004.0	1,354.2	58.0	15.1	166.6	.. 254.9 819.5	
June ..	..	267.7	85.1	999.2	1,343.0	58.4	13.0	151.7	.. 244.2 831.7	
<b>1958-59—</b>										
July ..	..	268.4	95.1	967.7	1,331.2	63.2	13.1	144.1	.. 233.2 844.9	
August ..	..	268.7	97.5	955.3	1,321.5	55.4	23.4	143.4	.. 227.5 838.8	
September ..	..	269.2	92.5	962.3	1,324.0	57.8	27.0	146.1	.. 227.5 829.8	
October ..	..	271.2	94.7	986.8	1,352.7	60.5	30.7	155.2	.. 227.5 830.9	
November ..	..	274.6	92.7	1,004.9	1,372.2	57.6	38.9	173.4	.. 226.5 824.6	
December (f) ..	..	276.2	91.7	1,025.5	1,393.4	64.8	40.9	191.3	.. 226.3 808.2	
January ..	..	277.5	94.5	1,030.0	1,402.0	66.3	57.9	212.9	.. 226.2 794.8	
February ..	..	278.9	92.8	1,048.2	1,419.9	58.4	73.3	238.0	.. 217.0 775.3	
March ..	..	279.3	92.3	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	.. 215.5 764.3	
April ..	..	277.9	96.7	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.1	46.6	239.0	.. 215.3 782.2	
May ..	..	277.2	92.3	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	.. 214.9 790.1	
June ..	..	277.9	92.8	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	.. 214.4 791.1	
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July ..	..	277.9	100.8	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	.. 213.4 805.4	
August ..	..	279.8	105.5	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	.. 213.4 803.1	
September ..	..	282.6	105.4	1,016.2	1,404.2	58.0	27.0	228.5	.. 213.0 800.6	
October ..	..	286.3	105.5	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	.. 212.6 814.6	
November ..	..	287.6	104.0	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	.. 225.5 817.2	
December (f) ..	..	282.6	103.9	1,097.7	1,484.2	67.7	19.5	249.4	.. 242.9 806.3	
January ..	..	281.9	97.8	1,105.0	1,484.7	65.0	40.5	262.6	.. 243.6 798.4	
February ..	..	301.3	82.2	1,121.5	1,505.0	55.8	34.6	279.5	.. 256.1 795.4	

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955. The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c) page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Municipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . — see page 1.

# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Com- monwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	.. ..	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2
1937-38	.. ..	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1
1938-39	.. ..	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7
1953-54	.. ..	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6
1954-55	.. ..	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3
1955-56	.. ..	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1
1956-57	.. ..	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4
1957-58	.. ..	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7
1958-59	.. ..	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6
1957-58—						
February	.. ..	4.1	9.4	23.4	20.5	51.9
March	.. ..	3.9	9.9	24.0	19.6	52.1
April	.. ..	3.7	6.1	20.0	19.3	56.0
May	.. ..	4.3	5.4	17.7	18.8	60.5
June	.. ..	4.3	5.3	16.6	18.2	61.9
1958-59—						
July ..	.. ..	4.8	5.8	16.6	17.5	63.5
August	.. ..	4.2	6.0	16.8	17.2	63.5
September	.. ..	4.4	6.4	17.4	17.2	62.7
October	.. ..	4.5	6.8	18.2	16.8	61.4
November	.. ..	4.2	7.0	19.7	16.5	60.1
December(c)	.. ..	4.6	7.6	21.3	16.2	58.0
January	.. ..	4.7	8.8	24.0	16.1	56.7
February	.. ..	4.1	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6
March	.. ..	3.8	9.4	26.4	15.1	53.4
April	.. ..	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2
May	.. ..	3.6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3
June..	.. ..	3.8	5.0	20.8	15.5	57.6
1959-60—						
July ..	.. ..	4.0	5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5
August	.. ..	3.9	5.7	21.4	15.5	58.4
September	.. ..	4.1	6.0	22.3	15.2	57.0
October	.. ..	3.8	5.9	23.0	14.9	56.9
November	.. ..	3.8	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1
December(c)	.. ..	4.6	5.9	22.7	16.4	54.3
January	.. ..	4.4	7.1	24.8	16.4	53.8
February	.. ..	3.7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.  
a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes Municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from furnishing

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**(Major Trading Banks.)**

**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted		
	Fixed. (b)	Current.			Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.					
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.		Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1953–54 ..	..	237.8	37.3	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	..	320.0	727.7
1954–55 ..	..	249.5	57.0	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	..	305.2	865.9
1955–56 ..	..	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3
1956–57 ..	..	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1
1957–58 ..	..	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1
1958–59 ..	..	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5
1957–58—											
February ..	..	316.8	91.2	1,239.8	1,647.8	69.8	79.9	246.7	..	339.6	857.1
March ..	..	319.3	94.6	1,244.6	1,658.5	68.7	94.4	249.7	..	324.6	862.7
April ..	..	318.7	93.2	1,213.5	1,625.4	63.6	40.3	243.1	..	312.6	902.8
May ..	..	320.0	89.3	1,155.7	1,565.0	67.9	21.4	213.3	..	293.3	932.9
June ..	..	323.2	92.9	1,142.2	1,558.3	68.8	21.5	198.4	..	282.1	945.6
1958–59—											
July ..	..	325.7	103.4	1,118.6	1,547.7	73.8	21.0	191.3	..	270.6	964.1
August ..	..	326.8	105.3	1,107.0	1,539.1	66.8	28.1	193.6	..	264.6	960.0
September ..	..	329.9	99.3	1,116.4	1,545.6	69.9	33.7	200.8	..	264.6	948.8
October ..	..	332.1	101.9	1,145.9	1,579.9	71.5	36.6	213.8	..	264.6	952.1
November ..	..	335.2	100.0	1,169.0	1,604.2	69.4	46.0	233.7	..	264.6	946.9
December (e) ..	..	335.5	98.7	1,191.8	1,626.0	76.6	44.7	251.9	..	264.6	932.2
January ..	..	337.0	101.8	1,184.4	1,623.2	78.6	60.4	263.1	..	264.6	920.4
February ..	..	339.2	100.0	1,206.1	1,645.3	70.9	75.9	292.6	..	253.3	899.2
March ..	..	340.3	99.4	1,222.0	1,661.7	65.6	83.2	304.3	18.2	249.6	885.6
April ..	..	338.4	104.1	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	24.5	249.6	905.1
May ..	..	337.5	99.9	1,175.0	1,612.4	58.4	19.8	289.9	28.8	249.6	915.4
June ..	..	343.0	100.9	1,168.5	1,612.4	63.3	17.5	279.0	24.3	249.5	916.3
1959–60—											
July ..	..	342.8	109.1	1,158.9	1,610.8	65.8	20.7	271.7	22.9	249.5	936.1
August ..	..	344.0	114.1	1,155.5	1,613.6	64.2	28.9	275.7	23.9	249.5	933.6
September ..	..	348.0	113.5	1,185.4	1,646.9	71.1	31.0	292.8	25.8	249.5	929.6
October ..	..	352.3	113.8	1,210.6	1,676.7	67.5	34.1	310.9	28.4	249.5	945.2
November ..	..	353.6	112.5	1,244.6	1,710.7	66.5	29.9	316.2	27.0	264.6	948.7
December (e) ..	..	341.0	112.9	1,286.9	1,740.8	83.6	22.7	309.7	25.7	284.6	942.1
January ..	..	339.4	108.7	1,287.4	1,735.5	78.5	44.3	316.8	28.7	285.9	934.3
February ..	..	358.6	95.6	1,311.9	1,766.1	66.8	37.6	335.8	26.8	299.6	930.2

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) See footnote (b), page 49.

(c) See footnote (c), page 49.

(d) See footnote (d), page 49.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Figures—						
1953-54	.. ..	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8
1954-55	.. ..	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3
1955-56	.. ..	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5
1956-57	.. ..	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5
1957-58	.. ..	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3
1958-59	.. ..	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0
1957-58—						
February	.. ..	4.2	9.1	24.1	20.6	52.0
March	.. ..	4.1	9.8	24.9	19.6	52.0
April	.. ..	3.9	6.4	21.4	19.2	55.5
May..	.. ..	4.3	5.7	19.3	18.7	59.6
June..	.. ..	4.4	5.8	18.5	18.1	60.7
1958-59—						
July ..	.. ..	4.8	6.1	18.5	17.5	62.3
August ..	.. ..	4.3	6.1	18.7	17.2	62.4
September ..	.. ..	4.5	6.7	19.7	17.1	61.4
October ..	.. ..	4.5	6.8	20.4	16.7	60.3
November ..	.. ..	4.3	7.2	21.8	16.5	59.0
December(b) ..	.. ..	4.7	7.5	23.0	16.3	57.3
January ..	.. ..	4.9	8.6	24.8	16.3	56.7
February ..	.. ..	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7
March ..	.. ..	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3
April ..	.. ..	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9
May..	.. ..	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8
June..	.. ..	3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8
1959-60—						
July ..	.. ..	4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1
August ..	.. ..	4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9
September ..	.. ..	4.3	6.2	24.0	15.2	56.5
October ..	.. ..	4.0	6.0	24.6	14.9	56.4
November ..	.. ..	3.9	5.6	24.1	15.5	55.5
December(b) ..	.. ..	4.8	6.1	23.9	16.3	54.1
January ..	.. ..	4.5	7.0	25.3	16.5	53.8
February ..	.. ..	3.8	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.			Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.		Total.					
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>										
1953–54 ..	241.8	48.6	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	..	321.1	793.7
1954–55 ..	254.3	68.3	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	..	306.3	938.1
1955–56 ..	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1
1956–57 ..	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8
1957–58 ..	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3
1958–59 ..	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3
<b>1957–58—</b>										
February ..	325.1	103.3	1,284.9	1,713.3	73.7	86.0	261.7	..	340.3	939.0
March ..	327.5	106.8	1,289.3	1,723.6	72.3	99.1	264.7	..	325.3	945.4
April ..	326.8	106.1	1,256.4	1,689.3	67.1	43.0	258.1	..	313.3	986.0
May ..	328.5	103.3	1,195.7	1,627.5	70.9	22.6	228.0	..	294.0	1,017.1
June ..	331.8	107.3	1,181.0	1,620.1	71.9	22.0	212.6	..	282.7	1,030.1
<b>1958–59—</b>										
July ..	335.5	118.6	1,155.4	1,609.5	77.4	21.5	205.0	..	271.2	1,048.8
August ..	336.6	120.4	1,143.0	1,600.0	70.3	28.6	207.1	..	265.2	1,044.2
September ..	339.6	114.1	1,152.4	1,606.1	73.1	34.2	214.2	..	265.2	1,033.7
October ..	342.3	116.6	1,182.3	1,641.2	75.3	37.1	227.2	..	265.2	1,037.0
November ..	345.9	114.3	1,206.5	1,666.7	73.3	46.5	247.2	..	265.2	1,032.9
December (e) ..	346.2	112.7	1,229.8	1,688.7	81.1	45.2	265.2	..	265.2	1,018.8
January ..	347.3	115.8	1,224.5	1,687.6	82.9	61.2	277.2	..	265.2	1,007.0
February ..	349.5	113.9	1,250.5	1,713.9	75.1	78.5	307.9	..	253.9	984.9
March ..	350.7	113.3	1,267.3	1,731.3	69.5	85.0	319.9	21.0	250.2	971.6
April ..	348.8	118.5	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	28.1	250.2	991.5
May ..	348.0	114.2	1,219.2	1,681.4	61.0	20.3	305.5	33.2	250.2	1,002.3
June ..	353.5	115.5	1,211.8	1,680.8	66.0	18.0	294.6	28.3	250.2	1,003.5
<b>1959–60—</b>										
July ..	352.4	126.9	1,202.0	1,681.3	69.3	21.3	287.4	29.1	250.2	1,023.3
August ..	353.7	132.7	1,197.0	1,683.4	67.0	29.4	291.3	29.9	250.2	1,019.9
September ..	357.8	132.2	1,226.7	1,716.7	74.1	31.5	308.4	31.8	250.2	1,016.9
October ..	362.3	131.8	1,252.2	1,746.3	70.6	34.5	326.3	34.3	250.2	1,033.1
November ..	363.9	130.3	1,287.5	1,781.7	69.3	30.9	331.6	32.9	265.2	1,036.5
December (e) ..	351.5	130.1	1,330.8	1,812.4	86.6	23.3	325.2	31.2	285.1	1,030.6
January ..	349.9	125.3	1,335.0	1,810.2	82.1	45.1	335.1	34.6	286.5	1,022.9
February ..	369.0	112.2	1,360.8	1,842.0	69.7	39.2	355.8	32.8	300.2	1,019.5

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>									
1953–54 ..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.5	0.8	447.0
1954–55 ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.8	492.1
1955–56 ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956–57 ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957–58 ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958–59 ..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1957–58—									
February ..	232.6	201.9	61.7	45.9	31.2	12.8	0.8	1.5	588.4
March ..	239.8	212.5	64.2	45.6	31.2	14.5	0.6	1.6	610.0
April ..	234.2	216.5	66.8	46.1	29.8	13.9	0.7	2.1	610.1
May ..	235.0	218.2	64.6	44.8	29.7	14.2	0.7	1.7	608.9
June ..	231.8	216.9	66.5	43.4	28.3	14.3	0.7	1.8	603.7
1958–59—									
July ..	242.6	219.6	71.0	44.2	28.8	14.2	0.8	2.3	623.5
August ..	218.8	195.0	64.8	40.3	25.9	11.8	0.8	1.6	559.0
September ..	236.1	206.9	69.8	42.4	28.2	12.4	0.8	1.9	598.5
October ..	252.3	224.4	72.5	45.1	30.4	13.3	0.8	1.8	640.6
November ..	254.3	225.6	73.1	45.9	29.7	14.0	0.8	1.8	645.2
December ..	274.5	253.4	77.0	51.2	33.1	15.5	1.0	2.0	707.7
January ..	205.7	176.8	58.8	39.1	31.9	10.4	0.8	1.7	525.2
February ..	254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	0.7	2.0	672.9
March ..	259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	0.8	1.8	664.5
April ..	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	0.8	2.2	639.8
May ..	263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	0.8	1.9	679.1
June ..	269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	0.8	2.7	677.6
1959–60—									
July ..	275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	1.0	2.5	705.5
August ..	254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	0.8	2.4	647.6
September ..	283.1	247.6	79.7	51.3	33.5	14.7	0.9	2.3	713.1
October ..	290.5	262.7	79.7	51.9	34.3	14.1	1.0	2.3	736.5
November ..	295.2	265.1	79.9	53.3	34.7	15.2	1.0	2.4	746.8
December ..	307.0	296.0	85.5	58.7	38.2	17.6	1.0	2.9	806.9
January ..	259.3	227.4	72.1	46.3	38.0	12.8	0.9	1.9	658.7
February ..	294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Departments of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.)

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1957-58 ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
1958-59 ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
1957-58—									
February	439.7	423.2	150.0	146.3	64.6	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.4
March ..	439.1	422.7	149.4	145.9	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.8	1,267.3
April ..	440.4	423.5	149.8	145.7	64.8	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.8
May ..	440.7	425.4	150.0	145.0	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.7	1,271.2
June ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	a 1,296.8
1958-59—									
July ..	451.9	434.9	155.1	149.6	66.4	40.7	2.2	4.0	1,304.8
August ..	454.1	437.1	156.2	149.4	66.5	41.3	2.2	4.0	1,310.8
September	457.7	439.1	158.2	149.8	67.7	41.5	2.2	4.0	1,320.2
October	459.3	440.8	159.4	150.0	67.9	41.3	2.2	4.1	1,325.0
November	462.7	443.0	160.6	150.6	68.3	41.4	2.3	4.1	1,333.0
December	465.7	443.9	161.3	150.6	68.2	41.3	2.2	4.2	1,337.4
January	468.1	443.6	160.1	150.8	68.2	41.4	2.1	4.3	1,338.6
February	471.3	444.5	160.3	151.8	68.5	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,344.6
March ..	473.0	445.8	160.6	152.6	69.1	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,349.3
April ..	474.3	444.9	161.2	152.4	69.2	41.8	2.1	4.5	1,350.4
May ..	476.9	447.6	162.2	152.4	69.6	41.8	2.2	4.5	1,357.2
June ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	a 1,391.3
1959-60—									
July ..	493.3	461.4	168.7	158.1	72.3	43.1	2.3	4.7	1,403.9
August ..	498.3	467.3	171.0	158.9	73.1	43.8	2.4	4.8	1,419.6
September	505.3	473.9	173.8	160.3	74.6	44.1	2.5	4.8	1,439.3
October	510.7	478.1	175.8	161.9	75.4	44.3	2.5	4.9	1,453.6
November	513.6	480.6	176.3	162.9	75.7	44.6	2.5	5.0	1,461.2
December	514.9	480.4	175.7	162.2	75.3	44.5	2.5	5.0	1,460.5
January	517.2	480.7	175.2	162.6	75.4	44.7	2.4	5.0	1,463.2
February	521.1	485.0	175.9	163.1	76.1	45.1	2.4	5.1	1,473.8

(a) Interest added 1957-58, £31.2m.; 1958-59, £35.4m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)	
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.		
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured						
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1937 .. ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.	
1938 .. ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.	
1939 .. ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.	
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963	
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011	
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872	
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319	
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744	
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992	
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948	
1958-59.. ..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,005	1,268	2,255	629	6,103	
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
<b>1957-58—</b>										
January .. ..	12,327	15,160	5,094	767	6,094	793	2,161	689	3,258	
February .. ..	19,583	27,499	14,930	2,332	6,161	1,238	2,562	869	4,076	
March .. ..	25,173	34,355	17,866	2,893	7,480	1,332	2,941	957	4,937	
April .. ..	20,152	28,228	15,627	2,528	7,361	1,197	2,592	777	5,687	
May .. ..	24,556	37,631	18,653	2,993	7,822	1,308	2,957	964	5,379	
June .. ..	26,924	45,937	22,581	3,716	9,169	1,363	3,036	869	4,862	
<b>1958-59—</b>										
July .. ..	27,662	44,718	18,343	2,974	8,867	1,339	3,476	1,001	5,777	
August .. ..	28,629	40,527	18,112	3,011	7,199	1,209	3,001	959	5,107	
September .. ..	33,880	52,418	24,392	3,942	8,173	1,374	3,207	866	6,577	
October .. ..	25,273	40,393	15,395	2,567	7,465	1,303	2,924	833	7,093	
November .. ..	24,970	38,410	16,155	2,744	6,880	1,573	2,808	846	6,033	
December .. ..	28,549	76,987	11,463	2,243	8,582	1,276	3,447	767	8,036	
January .. ..	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	6,524	754	2,312	613	3,876	
February .. ..	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495	
March .. ..	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,958	1,321	2,928	911	6,389	
April .. ..	26,737	40,925	16,633	2,746	8,616	1,287	3,062	861	6,680	
May .. ..	28,651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,485	1,177	3,129	928	7,304	
June .. ..	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,466	1,363	3,552	939	5,875	
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July .. ..	30,922	55,025	16,544	2,782	9,398	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396	
August .. ..	31,817	51,570	19,612	3,364	8,101	1,326	3,332	1,034	5,525	
September .. ..	41,931	64,134	19,720	3,306	9,113	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984	
October .. ..	28,481	50,261	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865	
November .. ..	31,212	55,529	15,476	2,665	7,173	1,364	2,980	880	6,659	
December .. ..	36,554	105,422	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554	
January .. ..	21,319	30,406	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860	

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., ——, see page 1.

# EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
1936-37 ..	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h) 5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h) 5.3
				9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 5.4
								(i)
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1958-59 ..	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.0
1957-58—								(i) (j)
February ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.458	4.38	5.01	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.464	4.30	4.98	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.816	2.242	15.625	12.461	4.30	4.96	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.472	4.25	4.96	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.484	4.25	4.94	7.1
1958-59—								
July ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.522	4.28	4.96	7.0
August ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.30	4.97	7.0
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.521	4.30	4.97	7.0
October ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	4.25	4.98	7.0
November ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.510	4.24	4.96	7.0
December ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.515	4.23	4.93	7.0
January ..	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.495	4.18	4.96	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.479	4.15	4.95	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.625	12.465	4.00	4.89	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.476	4.01	4.95	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.485	4.00	4.89	7.1
1959-60—								
July ..	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.492	3.91	4.91	7.1
August ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	3.88	4.89	7.2
September ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.527	3.93	4.90	7.2
October ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	3.94	4.90	7.3
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.509	3.94	4.89	7.4
December ..	125.25	2.799	2.227	15.625	12.524	3.95	4.93	7.6
January ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.531	3.99	4.92	7.6
February ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.625	12.518	4.02	4.92	7.6

(a) Average of daily quotations.  
 Direct quotation. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers.  
 (c) Selling rate.  
 (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.  
 (e) Weighted average twelve months.  
 (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates.  
 (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates.  
 (h) Urban securities only.  
 (i) Rural and urban securities.  
 (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

**INTEREST RATES.**  
(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—					Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).			
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.		
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	(c)	2.00	1.50
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(f) 6.00	2.75	1.00
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(f) 6.00	2.75	1.00
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(f) 6.00	2.75	1.00
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(f) 6.00	3.00	1.00

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum. (c) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (f) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)**  
(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.			Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.			Total.				
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.	States.			Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.	States.					
30th June—													
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	30th Sept.	195,000	..	3,000	198,000				
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	31st Oct.	228,000	..	3,000	231,000				
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	30th Nov.	254,000	..	3,000	257,000				
1952 ..	153,280	..	..	153,280	31st Dec.	282,000	..	5,000	287,000				
1953 ..	225,000	..	..	225,000	31st Jan.	268,000	..	5,000	273,000				
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	28th Feb.	229,000	..	5,000	234,000				
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	31st Mar.	239,000	..	4,250	243,250				
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	30th April	163,000	..	4,250	167,250				
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	31st May	133,000	..	3,250	136,250				
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000	30th June	171,000	..	..	171,000				
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	1959-60—								
1957-58—													
31st Mar.	241,000	..	6,000	247,000	30th Sept.	239,000	..	..	239,000				
30th April	168,000	..	6,000	174,000	31st Oct.	279,000	..	1,000	280,000				
31st May	134,000	..	5,000	139,000	30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109				
30th June	140,000	..	..	140,000	31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498				
31st July	142,000	..	3,000	145,000	31st Jan.	285,000	38,064	3,000	326,064				
31st August	163,000	..	3,000	166,000	29th Feb.	270,000	38,397	2,000	311,397				

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

For meaning of symbol .. see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

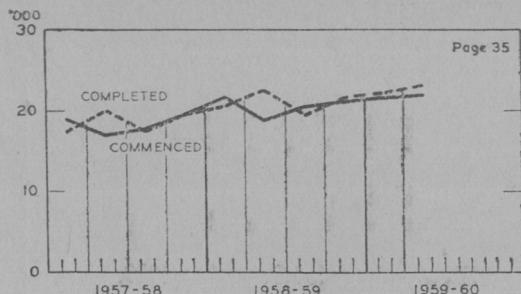
(£ million.)

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
<b>REVENUE.</b>										
1938-39 ..	..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1953-54 ..	..	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.2
1954-55 ..	..	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56 ..	..	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57 ..	..	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 ..	..	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 ..	..	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60 (Estimate) ..	..	250.6	162.0	101.9	75.3	63.3	24.1	677.2	1,391.6	1,807.4
<b>1957-58—</b>										
July-December ..	..	103.8	58.6	41.4	30.3	25.8	8.0	267.9	471.1	640.9
January ..	..	120.6	67.6	47.8	36.2	30.7	9.7	312.6	569.8	768.3
February ..	..	137.0	77.7	53.4	41.3	35.0	11.0	355.4	673.2	898.2
<b>1958-59—</b>										
July-December ..	..	105.6	61.7	49.2	30.9	27.6	8.7	283.7	487.2	665.3
January ..	..	122.7	70.6	55.5	36.4	32.6	11.1	328.9	580.5	786.5
February ..	..	141.0	81.2	61.8	41.9	37.3	12.4	375.6	679.6	914.5
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July-December ..	..	118.2	67.4	48.7	33.8	29.1	10.2	307.4	518.8	712.8
January ..	..	136.8	78.2	55.5	40.0	33.5	11.7	355.7	616.1	840.3
February ..	..	156.4	101.4	62.1	45.9	38.4	13.3	405.7	743.8	1,000.0

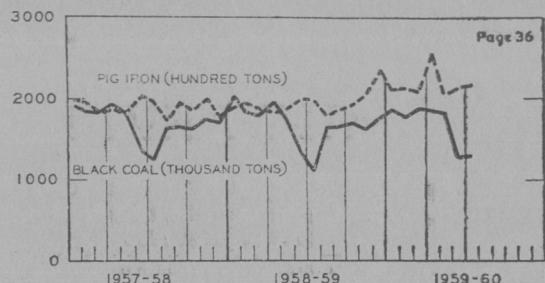
Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>										
1938-39 ..	..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1953-54 ..	..	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.3
1954-55 ..	..	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56 ..	..	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57 ..	..	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58 ..	..	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 ..	..	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60 (Estimate) ..	..	250.6	165.1	101.8	76.1	64.8	24.7	683.1	1,391.6	1,813.3
<b>1957-58—</b>										
July-December ..	..	110.5	69.6	46.1	31.7	29.2	10.1	297.1	566.1	765.6
January ..	..	127.8	78.6	51.5	37.2	34.1	11.3	340.5	668.3	894.7
February ..	..	145.2	88.9	57.9	42.0	38.6	12.8	385.4	756.6	1,011.6
<b>1958-59—</b>										
July-December ..	..	114.1	72.8	53.4	32.3	31.8	11.5	315.9	620.0	830.4
January ..	..	130.9	82.6	58.9	38.1	36.8	12.7	360.0	712.2	949.4
February ..	..	150.4	94.1	66.2	43.5	41.6	14.5	410.3	806.5	1,076.5
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July-December ..	..	120.5	78.9	52.8	36.7	32.6	12.5	334.0	669.6	890.1
January ..	..	139.2	89.1	58.7	41.9	37.5	13.7	380.1	768.3	1,016.9
February ..	..	159.8	115.9	66.5	47.8	42.7	15.5	433.8	873.6	1,157.8

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

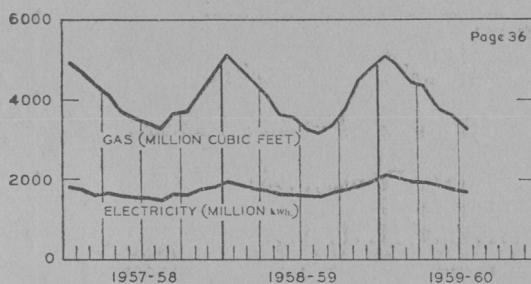
### NEW HOUSES AND FLATS



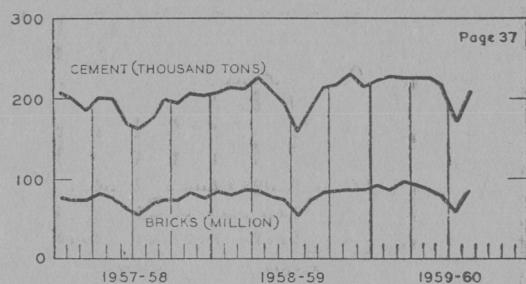
### PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND PIG IRON



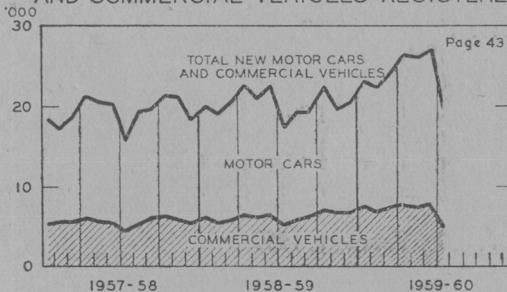
### PRODUCTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY



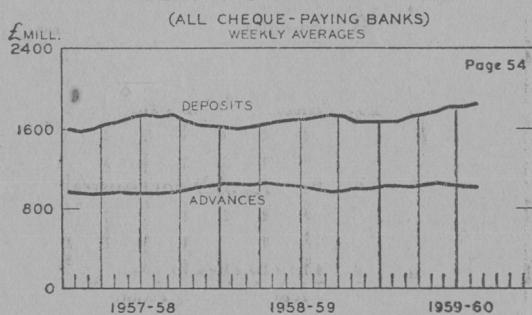
### PRODUCTION OF BRICKS AND CEMENT



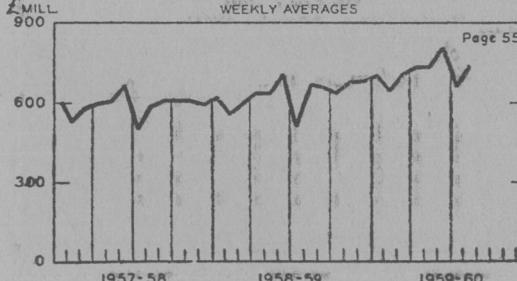
### NEW MOTOR CARS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES REGISTERED



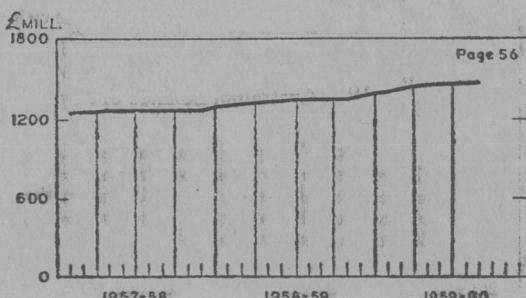
### DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES



### BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS) WEEKLY AVERAGES



### SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS



BUREAU PUBLICATIONS SINCE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Apr. 5. Wheat Industry : Statistical Bulletin No. 97 : March, 1960.  
" 5. Capital and Maintenance Expenditure by Private Businesses in Australia: July, 1955 to June, 1960.  
" 6. Trade of Australia with the United Kingdom : Six months ended December, 1959.  
" 6. Banking Statistics, Australia : Monthly Bulletin No. 173 : January, 1960.  
" 6. Export Price Index, Australia : Monthly Bulletin, February, 1960.  
" 6. Oversea Trade, Australia : March, 1960 (Preliminary).  
" 7. Exports of Wool (Australian Produce) : Eight months ended February, 1960.  
" 7. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index : February, 1960.  
" 9. Building Statistics : Quarterly Bulletin No. 48 : December Quarter, 1959.  
" 9. Tractor Statistics : Three months ended December, 1959.  
" 9. Insurance Statistics, Fire, Marine and General, Australia : Annual Bulletin No. 7, 1958-59.  
" 9. Retail Hire Purchase Operations of Finance Businesses, Australia : February, 1960 (Preliminary, &c.).  
12. Savings Bank Statistics : Monthly Bulletin No. 152 : February, 1960.  
14. Retail Sales of Goods, Australia : December Quarter, 1959.  
19. Banking Statistics, Australia : Preliminary Statement, March, 1960.  
21. Registration of New Motor Vehicles : Monthly Bulletin No. 104 : February, 1960.  
21. Demographic Review No. 110 : Summary of Population and Vital Statistics : Quarter and year ended 31st December, 1959.  
22. "C" Series Retail Price Index : March Quarter, 1960.  
22. Digest of Current Economic Statistics No. 8 : March, 1960.  
28. Banking Statistics, Australia : Monthly Bulletin No. 174 : February, 1960.  
28. Oversea Trade Statistics : Monthly Bulletin : February, 1960.  
29. Registrations of New Motor Vehicles : March, 1960.  
29. Interim Retail Price Index : March Quarter, 1960.  
May 3. Employment Statistics : Monthly Bulletin No. 219 : February, 1960.  
" 3. Australian Demographic Review No. 111 : Marriages, 1959.  
" 3. Exports of Wool (Australian Produce) : Nine months ended March, 1960.  
" 4. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index : March, 1960.  
" 5. Dairying Industry : February, 1960.  
" 6. Production Statistics : Monthly Bulletin No. 137 : February, 1960.  
" 6. Meat Industry Australia : February, 1960.  
" 6. Gold Mining Industry Australia : February, 1960.  
" 11. Monthly Index of Australian Export Prices : March, 1960.  
" 11. Building Statistics : No. of new Houses and Flats : March, 1960 (Preliminary).  
" 12. Savings Bank Statistics : Monthly Bulletin No. 153 : March, 1960.  
" 12. Australian Life Assurance Statistics : Monthly Bulletin No. 156 : January, 1960.  
" 17. Retail Hire Purchase Operations of Finance Businesses : March, 1960.  
" 18. Registrations of New Motor Vehicles : March, 1960.  
" 18. Australian Balance of Payments 1957-58, 1958-59, and first six months of 1959-60.

NOTE.—The publications marked \* are printed publications which are obtainable by purchase from the Government Printer, Canberra, or the Commonwealth Sub-Treasury in each capital city. They may also be ordered through the leading booksellers in the principal cities of Australia. Other publications listed above are not issued for sale, but a limited number of copies are available free upon request from the Commonwealth Statistician, Canberra, Australia.